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and Master in Chancery for Macon county, In Office over Linn & Scruggs' dry goods store Entrance from court house stairway.

Harrison's Election.

Times will be better now, and we have concluded to adopt the protection policy. Therefore after December 1st we will make no more cabinet photos at $1 per dozen. Make a free trade rush while they are cheap. Hurry, there!

nov9-dtf STAFFORD & LEFORGEE.

WE sell and warrant the celebrated Olds Wagons. BUSHERT & CARR, Apr 27-dtf 241 and 245 E. William st

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High-Pressure

Living characterizes these modern days. The result is a fearful increase of **Brain and Heart Diseases — General Debility, Insomnia, Paralysis, and Insanity.** Chloral and Morphia augment the evil. The medicine best adapted to do permanent good is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It purifies, enriches, and vitalizes the blood, and thus strengthens every function and faculty of the body.

"I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in my family, for years. I have found it invaluable as

A Cure

for Nervous Debility caused by an inactive liver and a low state of the blood." —Henry Bacon, Xenia, Ohio.

"For some time I have been troubled with heart disease. I never found anything to help me until I began using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I have only used this medicine six months, but it has relieved me from my trouble, and enabled me to resume work."—J. P. Carzanett, Perry, Ill.

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Are Diamond Dyes. They excel all others in Strength, Purity and Fastness. None others are just as good. Beware of imitations—they are made of cheap and inferior materials and give poor, weak, crocky colors.

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$2.00 1,000 PAIRS. $1.50

The Great $1.50 Sale of

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—AT—

FERRISS & LAPHAM'S,

148 East Main Street.

Will be continued until every pair of the original lines are closed out as advertised. The unprecedented sales have reduced sizes somewhat. We still have plenty to offer especially in sizes 2 ½, 3, also 6 and 7 in widths from B to I

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GREAT $2.00 SALE OF MEN.S FINE SHOES!

Men's Calf Congress Tip,	former price	$5.00,	now $2.00
" " Button Tip,	" "	5.00,	now 2.00
" " Plain,	" "	3.50,	now 2.00
" " Tip,	" "	3.50	now 2.00
" " Tip	" "	4.00,	now 2.00
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Call and examine Goods and Prices. Good Goods—No Shoddy.

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Looks Like a Put-Up Job.

The Dawson Coal Co. when they gave the exclusive sale of their coal to V. H. Parke & Son must have known that the firm would sell a large proportion of the coal in this city; it was the quality of the coal that did the work. Try it and you will understand the whole matter. They sell at the same price that the others sell common coal. 21 d3w

An Eye-Opener.

100 Dozen Natural Wool Gents' Underwear, warranted all fine Merino wool, finished seams, soft texture, suitable for the most delicate skin, just received at B. Stine's. We offer these goods to the trade at the astonishing low price of $1,00 for Undershirt and $1.00 for drawers. d&w

FOR Buckeye Iron Force Pumps, and Wood and Chain Pumps, go to Bushert & Carr, 241 and 245 East William street. Apr 27-dtf

Holiday Excursions.

The Peoria, Decatur & Evansville R'y wishes all its patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and desiring that they shall be able to visit their friends will make excursion rates of one and one third fare for the round trip between all its stations. Tickets to be sold Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return until Jan. 3d. For further information call on any agent of the company.

dec12 1d E. O. HOPKINS, G. P. A.

Holiday Excursion Tickets.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays the Wabash Railway will sell excursion tickets from and to all points on its lines, at the rate of *one fare and one-third for the round trip.* Tickets will be sold December 24th and 25th and December 31st, 1888, and January 1st, 1889, good only on day of sale, good returning up to and including January 3d, 1889. For full particulars inquire of the local agent of Wabash Railway.

Holiday Excursions.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays the I. C. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to all points on their line at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, good to return up to January 3d. C. O. JUDSON, Ticket Agent.

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MARBLEHEAD NECK.

The waves beat idly, with a ceaseless roar,
And to and fro the seaweed bends to me,
Kissing the great red rocks along the shore,
But thou, beloved, are not here to see.

The sun goes down in glory in the west,
Bathing in crimson every flower and tree,
The white sails redden on the ocean breast,
But thou, beloved, are not here to see.

The twilight gathers and the moon rides high;
I watch its silver track and think of thee;
God keep thy path as bright from earth to sky,
When I, beloved, am not here to see.

—Sarah K. Bolton in Home Journal.

When Sunstroke Is Prevalent.

We generally find that when sunstroke is prevalent the atmospheric conditions are of a certain and definite character. These are found not only in an elevated temperature, but a great degree of humidity or moisture of the air. As long as we have dry air the degree of heat that we can endure without much discomfort is very considerable compared to that when the air is full of moisture. The explanation of this is simply due to the fact that evaporation and loss of heat from the skin and lungs is markedly interfered with, the already moist air being unable to take up and relieve us of the usual amount of moisture. This, coupled with the increased heat, is placing us in a position where our internal production is very apt to be decidedly increased. The only way we have of compensating under these conditions is by lessening exertion, light or modified diet and light clothing. These, coupled with the ever present influence from the heat center, under normal conditions, will usually protect us.—Globe-Democrat.

Not an Agreeable Topic.

A Chinaman dislikes to say that his friend is dead, but will tell you that "his name has been added to the muster roll of ghosts," or that "he has become one of the ancients." "He has returned to the shades," "he has taken farewell of the world," "he has gone a long journey," are expressions all very frequently used when speaking of the dead. The matter is not always treated with reverence, however, for they will sometimes say: "He has swallowed his breath," or "slipped his skin." "The mountain has collapsed" refers to a dead emperor, and "the dream is over" means that a prince is dead.—Boston Budget.

Advance of Civilization.

Don Alphonso, brother of Don Carlos of Spain, traveling as "Don Juan de Huelva, Count de Bourbon," is in Turkestan and is astonished at the progress made there along the Transcaspian railway. At Merv, which five years ago was a crowd of felt tents and mud huts, he found brick houses and macadamized and paved streets, and at the railway station at Bokhara was a luxuriously fitted up buffet with a young and pretty Russian barmaid speaking French and German as fluently as her native language. Twenty years ago no Christian would have been safe in Bokhara.—New York Sun.

The Skeena Indians.

The Skeena Indians are described as of low stature and degraded morals. They are all heathens and sturdily refuse to embrace Christianity. They are wild and lawless, with no more notion of fairness than a wolf, whose character they exactly parallel, inasmuch as when they come to the store alone they are almost vexatiously meek and lowly, but when they collect in numbers they are loud mouthed and menacing. Their faces consist mainly of mouth and check bones, with small, flat noses.—Chicago Herald.

Theory of Mind Reading.

The English Society for Psychical Research does not hesitate to accept the theory called telepathy as an approved and demonstrated fact. It is unanimously accepted as the simplest method of explaining a great many psychological phenomena. Brushing away a vast amount of fraud, these men of science do not hesitate to say that it is demonstrable that mind can act directly on mind, apart from such organic communication as is furnished by the body.—Globe-Democrat.

Watching the Heart.

A novel case has been brought to the notice of the Paris Academy of Medicine. A man's breast bone was nearly all removed, with parts of several ribs, in order to stop the progress of bone disease. The experiment resulted not only in saving the patient's life, but has given several physiologists an opportunity for direct investigation of the living heart and great artery, parts of which have been made readily accessible.—Arkansaw Traveler.

How Mrs. Shaw Whistles.

"The vocal chords, which act as vibrating reeds, form, in conjunction with the mouth as a resonateur or hollow reverbrating sphere, the only musical apparatus that can boast of perfection, and it is certain that this instrument, so sweet and effective in speech and singing, can be made equally so when its sounds are made to issue at the self adjusting lips." This is The Saturday Review's explanation.—Home Journal.

Egypt's Movable Types.

Now that they have demolished Columbus' pretensions we are quite prepared to hear that Gutenberg did not invent printing. A Professor Karabacell has recently demonstrated, at a conference at the museum of Vienna, that movable types of wood, both for letter press and ornaments, were in use in Egypt 500 years before the printer of Mayence.—Boston Transcript

Not Truly Converted.

Citizen—Well, deacon, I s'pose the camp meeting was a great success?

Deacon (dubiously)—Well, I dunno: there were forty-eight converts.

Citizen—Why, that's glorious!

Deacon—Ye-es; but thirty-seven of 'em owe me yet for root beer an' sandwiches.—Boston Herald.

Boilers Without Rivets.

A German manufacturer is now making a boiler in which no rivets are used. The joints are welded, and the cost is said to be slightly in excess of the rivet work.

When a man is deemed reliable out in Montana they say, "He'll stand without hitchin'."—Omaha Herald.

The man who ruleth his own house is greater than he who painteth a town.—Texas Siftings.

There are 50,000,000 cattle of all kinds in this country, and but 200,000 of the pure breed.

Flies don't bother the busy man.—Philadelphia Call.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottle free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. a5

$2.00 A SUIT for fine scarlet Underwear, at B. Stine's. d&w

A STUDY OF SUICIDE

WHAT LIFE RESCUER O'BRIEN SAYS ON THE SUBJECT

Observations of a Chicago Man Who Has Saved Thirty Human Lives—People Who Want to Drown Themselves—Methods of the Genuine Self Killer.

"When I am free and at leisure I go to Lincoln park. The lake shore there is my field of operation. Most of the drownings take place in the lake off Lincoln park. Dozens of young people are out boating there every day, and once in awhile a life hater turns up, determined to bury himself in the waves. For one who is really tired of life it is indeed a good place. The water is clear, cool and inviting. The confusing roar and noise of this busy city life is far off. Peace, tranquillity and rest reign all around. The place is just made for life haters who, you know, are often capable of walking miles in order to terminate their life in a shady and green spot. Along that very shore I rescued about a dozen people, and at least five of them were would be self murderers.

"During the many years I devoted to this peculiar occupation of mine—that is, to saving the drowning—I observed that not only place and time but also the weather has a great deal to do with the occurrence of drownings. Those who drown themselves in the spring and autumn usually have a weakness for fair weather. They are visionaries suffering from inborn melancholy, and often poets with ruined, dissipated talents. The great majority, however, are poor creatures for whom sunshine is rather invigorating than productive of a desire to die. They think of dying for a long time, but they do it as soon as the weather changes for the worse. If the weather is too bad, if it rains or snows heavily, they will wait. They do not like too bad weather.

"The days on which the drownings and, I suppose, suicides in general are most numerous, are in most cases those on which the sky is enveloped in gray clouds. Everything then seems gloomy and melancholy. An inexplicable heavy pressure upon the breast makes the blood flow slowly and lulls the brain into a dull stupor. The thoughts get confused. Deep sadness seizes the unfortunate sufferers, and whatever unpleasant and bitter their past life contained forces its way out of the depth of recollection, and bursts forth in one agonizing feeling of despair and disgust with the world. Those who try to plunge into the hereafter on such days offer grim resistance, when one comes to their rescue, and without preliminary precautions to rescue them is a dangerous undertaking.

"Many of those who resolve to drown themselves often come to the spot they select for the accomplishment of their resolve, long before taking the final step. They walk up and down along the shore, gaze at the sky, look around shyly, then they begin to stare at the water, endeavoring to measure its depth. When they are about to make the fatal movement they halt suddenly and listen. The chirp of a bird, the splash of a fish, the whistle of a steamer, any sound, any trifling matter unsettles their resolve. They turn round all of a sudden and walk quickly away. A few days afterward they come back and seem to reproach themselves for having been so cowardly before. Instead of walking up and down they now remain standing on one spot. They stare at the water. In their eyes there is not a spark of a thought. They have the appearance of somnambulists. They can neither see nor hear anything. Suddenly, it seems, something startles them. The hat flies from the head, the coat from the shoulders, and—there—they are struggling with the waves.

"Most of them appear on the surface before they finally go down. A genuine self-killer will fold his arms, shut his eyes and go down without any noise. He is half dead already before the unavoidable apoplexy strikes his brain. Those, however, who go into death with some hesitancy, at this dreadful moment are overcome by a powerful fondness of life. They cry and kick and trample with their arms and legs, and when one comes to their rescue they cling to him like a polyp. To die is not so easy a thing after all, and he who attempts to take his own life will not soon repeat his attempt.

"Even the hours of the day are of great importance to the suicides. Generally they choose the afternoon hours, when it begins to grow dusky. Only a small proportion suicide in the morning. At daybreak, when only the street cleaners are at work, in Chicago as well as in other large cities, you can sometimes notice people of all ages and stations of life walk down to the lake or to the river. They look pale and weary, their hair is confused, their clothes in disorder, they look as if they had just come out of their bed. They are gamblers who have lost all their possessions in one night, or embezzlers who have spent the money of their employers in one great debauch, or thieves who are escaping from the police. There they stand at the edge of the water and sigh. Yesterday they were happy and free from all care, today a dreadful end awaits them.

"The darkness vanishes more and more, the city awakens, its noise becomes louder and louder. They sit down and let their legs hang over the surface of the water. Tears fill their eyes, they sob quietly. It is so difficult to die, especially when one is young. The sun has risen high upon the horizon. People hurry down town from all directions. It strikes 8, 9 o'clock—now, perhaps, the embezzlement has been discovered, the police are being notified—another hour passes quickly away. There is no hope left. They look around again and again, then suddenly they shut their eyes and glide down into the water. They think it is all over, but somebody comes to their rescue. When they are brought ashore and they regain consciousness, they send forth shouts of joy. Whatever may come, disgrace or imprisonment—'Thank God,' they repeat, 'I am alive, I am alive!'"—Chicago Journal Interview.

The Musquito a Blessing.

A lecture was recently delivered at Madras, India, on that interesting and familiar pest, the musquito. The lecturer, Mr. H. Sullivan Thomas, asserts that it is only the female musquito that does the biting. He considers the musquito a most useful pest, seven-eighths of its existence being devoted to the service of men and only one-eighth to their annoyance. It exists in the larval state twenty-one days, and during that period engages in sanitary work with ardor and thoroughness. Wherever there is dirty water, wherever there is a filthy drain, there the musquito larvæ are to be found in hundreds, voraciously devouring the contaminating matter.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Change in the Musical College.

I take pleasure in announcing to the general public that I have sold the Decatur Musical College to Prof. Olof Bull, who has been with the college as violin teacher for nearly five years. His success as an artist and teacher is established. As he now assumes his new position of director of the college, I earnestly bespeak for him the cordial and generous patronage bestowed upon the college under my direction.

Respectfully,
CLARA IRWIN.

The new half term opens this week. d20-tf

Boys' Jersey Suits at Stine's. dtf

AN EYE-OPENER!

Our Natural Wool Underwear is taking wings. It is going so fast that within a short time we will have no more on hand, and when gone cannot replace it.

The price of $2.00 a suit is doing the work.

Our Stock of OVERCOATS comprises everything desirable in all the Leading Styles. For perfection in fit, excellence of workmanship we take the lead.

Our Prices are within the reach of Everybody, and guaranteed.

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The Boss Clothier.

Will be Open Evenings All This Week.

BRADLEY BROS.' NEW STORE.

Corner of Water and William Streets.

Our Stock is at Present Complete. Ladies Say They Can Find Just What They Want in Our ART AND FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

BLACK SILKS—The celebrated Regatta Black Gros Grain Silks at 75c, 90c, $1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.25, 1.40 and 1.50 per yard.

Black Faille Francais Silks, $1.00, 1.19, 1.25, 1.50, 1.60.

Black Silk Warp Henriettas, $1.00, 1.25, 1.40 and 1.50 per yard.

40-Inch all-wool Henriettas, in Serpent, Myrtle, Bronze, Cartor, Electric, Navy, Goeblin, Mahogony, Brown, Garnet and Wine, at 80c per yard.

Novelty Combination Suits at $7.75 to $10, reduced from $12 and $15.

40-Inch all-wool Broadcloths at 50c, in all new colors.

54-inch Broadcloths at 75c.

Fancy striped all-wool 40-inch Novelty Cloth Suitings, for combination suits, at 58c.

36-inch Fancy Mixed Suitings, the greatest bargain we offer on dress goods, at 20c a yard.

All wool Double Fold Cloth Dress Goods at 25c. A new case just opened.

Misses' School Jackets, 14, 16 and 18 years, Heavy Cloth, at 2.75 and 2.95.

Ladies' Jackets at 3.95—striped wool cloth.

Ladies' heavy wool cloth Newmarkets at $5.00.

Ladies' Plush Jackets, nicely lined and finished, at $10.

Dress Trimmings at 25c, a real handsome band crotcht trimming, in all the new colors.

Ball Silk Fringes, suitable for trimming wraps, in all colors, at $1.00 per yard.

Fur Trimming, in Coney, Lynx, Opossum and Bear, with muff to match.

FUR SETS—
Black Coney collars with muff, at $1.75; Opossum Collars with muff, at $5.00; Silver Hare Collars with muff, at $4.00.

LADIES' MUFFS—
Black Coney at 75c, $1.00, 1.50.
American Opossum, at $2.25.
Seal Plush Muffs, at $2.50.
Monkey Muffs, at $5.00.

Children's Toboggans at 25c and 35c. Ladies' Toboggans at [illegible] 60c, 75c and $1.00. Fascinators at 39c, 50c, 75c, $1.00. Ladies' Hoods at 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

Balsam Fir Pillows, size 9x14 in., given away with Balsam Fir Soap.

Fancy Embroidered Plushes for pillows and cushions.

Bolting paintings for Fancy Toilet Sets and Doyles.

Fancy Cord and Tassels, for Throws, Appliques, Tinsels, Purse Ornaments, Sequen Bangles, Banner Rods and Stands Towel Rings, Broom Holders Rope Silk, Rope Linen.

BRADLEY BROS.' NEW YORK STORE.

Agents for the Jouvin Kid Gloves.

Pietro Dinarvo, the Italian Brigand, Captured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Pietro Dinarvo, the Italian brigand who robbed and murdered the Marquis Guilio Sanduzzi at the latter's villa near Torella, Italy, in 1886, was arrested Wednesday by Inspector Byrnes' men, who found him at Stamford, Conn., and he will be taken back to Italy, extradition papers having already been granted. The Marquis was very wealthy, and noted for his benevolence, and was killed while heroically resisting three burglars, led by Dinarvo, who had entered the villa and were rifling the strong box. They secured over one hundred thousand francs. The affair made a great sensation throughout Italy. Two of the robbers were caught in the mountains. They confessed, and betrayed Dinarvo, but he escaped from the country. The New York police were notified, and after a long search they have captured the murderer.

A Pair of Railroad Accidents.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 29.—The north-bound train on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, which left here at 7:30 a. m. yesterday, was derailed two miles from Burnsville by a broken rail. Two passenger coaches were partly overturned, bruising about sixteen persons, but not seriously. Robert Young, a merchant of this city, was reported to be the worst hurt, having received a strain in the back.

Thursday night, about ten o'clock, the west-bound train on the Cincinnati, Selma & Mobile railroad was derailed about five miles from Selma. Two coaches were partly turned over and the passengers badly shaken up, but no one was seriously injured.

Warned by White Caps.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 29.—Some seven or eight citizens of Monroeville, a town ten miles east of here on the Ohio State line, received notices from the White Caps yesterday. The receivers of the letters were warned to mend their ways, or they would receive a visit from the Regulators. The letters were signed "Benton, O., Order No. 30," and were ornamented with the usual drawings of a skull and cross-bones and the cat-o'-nine-tails.

Eleven Business Houses Burned.

DONGOLA, Ill., Dec. 29.—At seven o'clock yesterday morning fire destroyed a business block of eleven houses on the east side of the railroad track. It was under control at eleven o'clock. Loss and insurance not obtainable at this hour. The town was without fire engines and the fire burned itself out.

Makes a Difference.

"When you want coal buy the Decatur Coal," is what you will see in the papers. When they build fine houses they send to Chicago or elsewhere for the lumber. V. H. Parke & Son sell the Dawson Coal, which is the best coal ever sold in this city. Same price as other coal. 21-d3w

BUGGIES, Carriages, Carts and Whips apr 27-dtf BUSHERT & CARR, 241 and 245 East William street.

CUTTERS and bob-sleds for sale at Spencer & Lehman's. nov22d&w6w

Still Another Lot of
NEW CLOAKS,
one-third less in price than early Fall Prices,
and 20 per cent. cheaper than was ever sold.
d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

☞ CARPETS and Wall Paper,
☞ Oil Cloth and Matting,
☞ Smyrna Rugs,
—All Choice and Cheap, at—
ABEL'S CARPET STORE.
Sept 7-d&wtf

WOOD PUMPS, Chain Pumps, Iron Force Pumps, for sale at Spencer & Lehman's. feb 16-d&wtf

TRY a load of that clean soft nut coal sold by F. B. Caldwell at $1.75 per ton. dec13-dtf

LADIES' Imported Jackets, in new and handsome styles, at LINN & SCRUGGS. d&wtf

CUTTERS and bob-sleds for sale at Spencer & Lehman's. nov22d&w6w

LINN & SCRUGGS have reduced prices on Corsets d&wtf

Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1889.

Mary H. James vs. Ross C. James—In Chancery.

Public notice is hereby given to Ross C. James, the above named defendant, that the above named complainant, Mary H. James, has filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, against said Ross C. James; that summons has been issued thereon, returnable on the first day of said term of said court, to be held in Decatur, Illinois, on the 14th day of January, 1889. Said summons being returned showing said defendant was not found, and affidavit being filed with the Clerk of said court, that the said defendant is a non-resident of this state.

Now, unless you, the said Ross C. James, shall appear, plead, answer or demur to said bill at the time and place above mentioned, then the said bill and the matters and things therein contained in said bill shall be taken for confessed and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1888.
Witness: E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
LEE & FINN, Complainant's Solicitors.
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Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1889.

William H. Brownlee vs. Hetty Brownlee.

Public notice is hereby given to Hetty Brownlee that William H. Brownlee, plaintiff in the above entitled cause, has filed his bill of complaint in said Circuit Court of Macon county against said Hetty Brownlee, that a summons has been issued against said Hetty Brownlee by the Clerk of said Court, returnable on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1889, into said Court at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, which suit is still pending and undetermined, at which time and place you can appear and plead, answer, or demur, else said bill will be taken as confessed against you. E. McCLELLAN,
Clerk of Circuit Court of Macon Co., Ill.
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MONDAY EVE., DEC. 31, 1888.

SENATOR GORMAN says it was the free trade lunacy that did the business for Grover. And yet Grover says that this phase of the contest has but just begun. He evidently wants to get some other fellow to try it, so as to have a partner in distress.

NOT satisfied with the prominence given the territory lately, Dakota has filed a new claim to distinction. A report comes from Charles Mix county that smoke and steam are issuing from a crevice in the ground, and that a volcano or geyser is to be added to the other wonders of the region. Charles Mix county has a fresh title to fame, and South Dakota *must* come in as a state.

THE selection of Thomas F. Grady as a member of the New York Senate must be very gratifying to Mr. Cleveland, coming as it does along with his own defeat. Grady is the man whom Cleveland asked John Kelly to defeat some years ago, because it was necessary to his own comfort, while governor of New York that Grady should not be in the Senate. And Kelly had him beaten, too. But John Kelly is dead now, and Cleveland is badly defeated himself.

ALL this talk of the Democrats having a scheme on foot to prevent the Republicans from organizing the next house of representatives is pure bosh. The plan, as the sensationalists have it, is for the Democratic clerk of the present house (whose duty it is to preside over the new house until the election of a speaker) to construct his list so that the Republicans shall not have a majority. Of course this presupposes an arbitrary act upon the part of the clerk, which nobody expects him to be guilty of except senseless alarmists. We have not much faith in Democratic politics, but it is altogether unfair to assume that because a man belongs to that party he must necessarily be a fool and a knave, which he would have to be to do what the sensationalists predict.

THE latest cabinet possibility is said to be Ex-Gov. Routt, of Colorado. The visit of Senator Teller to Indianapolis, the other day, is believed by many to have been in his interest. The place to which Gov. Routt has been assigned by his friends is the post office department. He was second assistant postmaster general under Grant's last administration, and was a most efficient and valuable officer. Gov. Routt spent a couple of weeks in Decatur during this month, and left here for Denver the day after Christmas. His many friends here and throughout Illinois, would hail with delight his appointment to the postmaster generalship. He would be a welcome contrast to the present inefficient incumbent, under whose administration this most important department of the government has come to be a harbor for party paupers, and not much else. If Gov. Routt should happen to be his successor the department would soon take on a place of usefulness to which it has been a total stranger for nearly four years. We trust Mr. Routt will "get there."

PRESIDENT HARRISON will find, when he takes possession of the White House a peculiarly muddled condition of affairs in the foreign office. England will be found in a semi condition of hostility on account of the fisheries question and the diplomatic difficulty in which Lord Sackville played a part. Germany has been putting on airs in the neighborhood of the Samoan Islands which will have to be looked after, and there is an unsettled controversy touching the seal fisheries of Alaska. Then, too, our relations with Mexico are not as well settled as is desirable between close neighbors, and South American affairs are taking a shape--drifting into a shape, would be more accurate--that will require delicate management upon the part of our state department to adjust satisfactorily and honorably. The administration goes out with a diplomatic balance sheet that is sadly one-sided, and that tells as plainly as anything can the story of Democratic inability to manage great governmental questions. Mr. Bayard, with all the blue blood of generations of statesmen coursing in his veins, has proved adequate to only a single requirement of his position--he has been able to frighten the feeble republic of Hayti into terms. In all else he has proven to be worse than a failure. It is time there was a change.

Pension Matters.

The national pension rolls contained at the beginning of the fiscal year the names of 442,557 persons. Of this number 323,020 are invalids, the remainder being widows, orphans or other dependents of soldiers who died from casualties or from diseases incurred in the service. More than 60,000 pensioners were enrolled during the year, while less than 16,000 names were dropped from the lists--nearly all of them because of the death of the pensioners. It is probable that the number of pensioners has now reached the maximum point and that it will soon begin to decrease.

THE suit of Oscar Dunlap, of Champaign, brought against Gen. John C. Black, Commissioner of Pensions, for $100,000 damages, for refusing to grant him a pension of $72 a month as a case of total disability, is creating considerable comment in Champaign, Danville and the adjoining counties where the parties are known. Mr. Dunlap lost an arm and a foot, had his skull fractured and was otherwise shot to pieces in the army. He claims that the law allows him $72 a month which General Black, through malice, refuses to allow.

KATE FIELD, who is now engaged in booming California wines, has been arguing with the committee in charge of President-elect Harrison's inaugural ceremonies. She claims that a party devoted to the protection of American industries should drink nothing but native wines at an inaugural banquet. The committee is willing to compromise and divide its order for wines between native and foreign brands.

New Year's Matinee.

The Rusco & Swift's big Uncle Tom's Cabin company will appear at the opera house New Year's afternoon and evening. Prices for matinee--15, 25 and 35 cents. Evening--25, 35 and 50 cents. The matinee begins at 2:30 o'clock. Take the children. 29-dtd

.S' DAY.

The Press of Chihuahua Perpetrate a Joke on Their Readers,

Giving Blood-Curdling Accounts of a Sanguinary Insurrection in the City of Mexico.

In Which Hundreds of Catholic Priests Were Said to Have Been Slain, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.--The *Herald* of this morning has the following:

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.--El Paso is greatly excited over the details of the news that has just been received of the great clerical rising in the City of Mexico, and the utter and bloody defeat of the clericals that took place yesterday. At eight o'clock on Thursday night, it seems, Father Jose Gasper, a well-known priest, hurried to the National Palace and asked an immediate and secret conference with President Diaz. What he disclosed is not known, but a few minutes afterward warrants of arrest were made out for a large number of prominent people, but when the officers went after them not one of them could be found.

At eleven o'clock that night an immense mob attacked the National Palace, joined and reinforced by the garrisons of at last three barracks and some parks of artillery. The conflict was fierce and bloody, but the government held its own and gained the victory.

Three generals and several high officers were killed. The government took over two thousand prisoners at the first firing. Seventy-two priests were among the slain, which numbered during the first onslaught two hundred and sixty. Next day two hundred additional priests were arrested and ordered shot, among them the Archbishop. A number of women got up petitions to have them reprieved, but it is not thought that they met with success. Great excitement prevails in Chihuahua, where Governor Lerra Carillo called at once the State Legislature together and ordered all priests to be arrested. It seems to have been the last effort of the clerical party against the government.

Only an All-Innocents' Day Hoax.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 31.--Newspapers published in Chihuahua, Mex., December 28, and received here Saturday, contained thrilling accounts of an alleged Popish uprising in the City of Mexico. The story in brief, was that the priests in the City of Mexico, angered at the alleged unfavorable attitude and policy of the Diaz Government toward the Church, headed an insurrection for the purpose of overthrowing the government, and won over to their side eighteen thousand government troops; that President Diaz led the loyal troops against the insurgents, and after a bloody battle, completely routed them, and that two hundred and thirty-seven priests were immediately shot, and about as many more had been condemned to death.

This gory narrative purported to have been received by the Chihuahua papers by wire from the City of Mexico. Upon investigation the terrible tale turns out to have been a huge hoax, perpetrated by the Chihuahua papers upon their readers. December 28 is All-Innocents day, and is celebrated in Mexico as April 1 is in the United States. The brilliant journalistic mind at Chihuahua evolved the plan of manufacturing and publishing bogus dispatches, and the natives were deluded thereby.

Intelligent Mexican citizens of Juarez pronounce the Chihuahua performance a silly and discreditable piece of work. Moreover, the right of the press to manufacture "sensational news" vilifying, ridiculing, or misrepresenting the Government is not yet legally recognized in Mexico as in the United States, and it is hinted that the perpetrators of the Chihuahua canard will be called to account by the Mexican Government in some way.

CAPTAIN JEWETT.

The Missing Ex-Police Captain Returns as Mysteriously as He Disappeared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.--Ex-Police Captain Henry L. Jewett, of Brooklyn, is no longer among the missing. He was at his home, No. 443 Waverly avenue, last night, but he could not be seen, and nothing could be learned from any member of the family, either as to the time or circumstances under which he returned, or as to the causes which led him abruptly to terminate his fifteen years of service on the police force while holding the most coveted rank of captain, in this short and concise note to Commissioner Bell:

"I hereby resign."

A close friend of the captain, however, said that he got back to his house on Thursday night apparently very much broken up and disinclined to talk even with any member of his family. He tossed and rolled about a bed all night, and last night he was still suffering from severe prostration. He seemed, as his friend described, to be in a semi-dazed condition, very similar to that in which he returned from his eight days' wanderings two years ago.

Friends of the captain say he is almost sure to get some good berth under the incoming Administration, as he has very good political backing.

The Oklahoma Boomers.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 31.--An enthusiastic meeting of Oklahoma boomers from towns of Southern Kansas, was held here Saturday at the headquarters of Pawnee Bill. It was decided to start February 1 as by that time it would be known what action Congress would take on the Springer bill. An address to the Government and people as to their plans and purposes was ordered published. Pawnee Bill produced five thousand letters of inquiry from all over the United States, and said that all the companies now have enrolled over fifteen thousand people, who will be ready to start at the date named. All will meet at Oklahoma City and proceed upon the country in a body.

Advices from the Territory are that an engagement took place Saturday between a party of Texas settlers and scouts of the cattle men. Five of the former and four of the latter were injured, but the boomers were not stopped.

An Alaskan Paper Denies the Truth of Mrs. Voorhees' Statements.

FORT TOWNSEND, W. T., Dec. 31.--The Juneau (Alaska) *Free Press* says that the statements made by Mrs. Voorhees in regard to the abuse of native women and girls in Alaska are absolutely false in every particular. Denying all her statements, it says: "The civilized people in the wilds of Alaska are as refined and ad-

vanced as all good citizens of the United States should be, and none of the horrible acts attributed to them have occurred within the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant. The so-called lowest animal passions of the rough miners do not, as a rule, show themselves here, as they are naturally subdued by hard work and the want of leisure to indulge them. The same argument applies to the low animal passions of hunters and trappers who find no time for hunting and trapping Indians."

Governor Swineford is busily engaged at Sitka writing his annual report of Alaska. Its length will be about the same as last year. The governor's review of mining operations show a substantial work is being done in the way of improvements, and the prospects for the development of the several valuable properties are very bright.

A Bold Robbery.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.--A bold and successful robbery was perpetrated at Mrs. W. C. Penfield's music store Saturday morning, when two $1,000 gold certificates were taken from the safe. Mrs. Penfield and her clerks were engaged with customers, when the safe, which was left open, was visited. Mrs. Penfield missed the certificates about noon and suspected a man named James Smith. The detectives found that Smith had had one of the certificates cashed at the Northwestern Bank and then deposited $940 in the Security Bank. This money was recovered. The officers expect to recover the second certificate.

Resignation of the Chief Justice of Montana.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.--N. J. McConnell, Chief Justice of this Territory, has forwarded his resignation to President Cleveland, finding the duties of the office too burdensome. Judge McConnell was appointed from Tennessee about two years ago. He will probably form a law partnership here, and continue to reside in Helena. His resignation is to take effect as soon as his successor can be appointed and qualify.

ELECTION REFORMS.

Indiana to Have a New Law to Protect the Ballot-Box.

The Purchaser of Votes To Be Prosecuted for Bribery, and the Voter To Be Protected.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.--A committee of the Senate and House has for some time had the matter of reform in the election laws of the State under consideration, and has now prepared a draft of a bill which it will have presented in the Legislature as soon as possible after the session opens, and which the Democratic caucus will certainly make a party measure. The majority of Democrats in both houses is so large that there is no doubt the bill will be quickly passed, and under the circumstances there can be as little doubt that Governor Hovey will sign it.

The bill to some extent is patterned after the Australian law. It will make election day a legal holiday, and in this manner will seek to close up all manufacturing and similar establishments, and to prevent, as far as possible, interference by employers with the opportunities of their employes to reach the polls. The present law as to election officers will be re-enacted. It gives to each of the leading parties a judge and a clerk, and the party in power an inspector. The ticket will be a continuous ticket, all the candidates for all the offices being printed on a single slip of paper under headings indicating by which party each is placed in nomination. The names of the candidates of each party will also be distinguished by being printed in a different colored ink from those of the other parties--Democrats, for instance, being printed in black, Republicans in red, Prohibitionists in blue, and so on. The voter, should he desire to vote a straight ticket of any party, simply indicates his choice by putting a cross mark opposite the name of that party. If he desires to scratch his ticket or vote a mixed ticket he will put a cross mark opposite the name of each person for whom he desires to vote. The law will provide for five closets or booths, cheaply constructed, in which the voter will go prepare his ticket. He will get his ticket from the election inspector, who will be provided with them by the county clerk in a sealed package, the expense of printing them having been defrayed by the county and State.

The law contemplates small precincts, averaging about two hundred voters to each poll.

No person but the inspector will be permitted to have a ticket in his possession, except for the purpose of voting it, no matter from where he obtains it. A heavy penalty is provided for the violation of this section. In preparing his ballot, should he spoil it by making a mistake in marking it or otherwise, the spoiled ticket must be returned to the inspector, who will have to account for all the tickets that have been given to him. Five minutes will be allowed to each person in which to prepare his ticket. Any voter who may be unable to prepare his ballot himself can have it done for him as he may direct by any one of the election officers. As soon as all the tickets are counted and a return is made to the county or city clerk upon a tally-sheet, the tickets will be destroyed. There can be no recounts nor any tampering with the ballots after the election is over.

A distance flag will be placed within fifty feet of the polls on each side, and no person, except the voter and election officers, will be allowed to come nearer than the flag to the polls. Each party may have an official challenger, who will be permitted to go up as far as the voting-place to make a challenge. In case of a voter being challenged, he will be compelled to make an affidavit as to his place of residence, the length of time he has lived in the State, county, city, ward, and as to his occupation and where he pursues it. If the challenger persists, the voter will then have to be sworn in by a resident freeholder or two resident householders. By the present law only a freeholder can swear in a vote.

A registration feature similar to that in vogue in most States, will be incorporated into the law. Indiana now has no registration system. Bribery under the new law will include the purchase of a man's vote, paying money or other consideration to him for staying away from the polls, or sending an employe away so that he shall not be able to vote. The penalty for bribery will be imprisonment for less than two years and ineligibility to hold office for double the time of imprisonment, but only the person who buys the vote is liable to this penalty, and no provision will be made for the punishment of the man who sells his vote.

FROM WASHINGTON.

A Crush Expected at the Coming Inauguration of General Harrison.

Sackville's Successor--Election Contests in the Fifty-First Congress--A Sanguine Representative.

The Nomination of the Commodores--Organization of the Next House--Death of Mrs. Schofield.

Election Contests in the Fifty-First Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--Up to this time only one notice of contest has been filed in the office of the clerk of the House. This is the case of Hartsuff against Whiting, the latter being the sitting Democratic member of the seventh Michigan district. There are twenty-one counts in his indictment, and he charges that votes were cast in wrong places, that aliens voted without restraint, that fraudulent naturalization papers were issued, that illegal registration was common and that persons were compeled to vote the Democratic ticket under threats of personal injury.

Mr. Hartsuff lays particular stress upon what he calls the "corruption fund." This includes a contribution of $2,500 from the National Democratic committee, $1,000 given by Mr. Whiting himself and between $2,800 and $3,000 assessed against Federal employes.

The latter, Mr. Hartsuff claims, were particularly parnicious in their efforts in Mr. Whitney's behalf. Quite a number of the cases arise out of the narrow majorities received by some of the successful candidates. Such is the foundation of the contest made by Sydney E. Mudd against Representative Barnes Compton, of the Fifth Maryland district, whose majority has been placed as low as one vote. In the Fourth New Jersey district Samuel Fowler, Democrat, was elected by only seventy-two votes, and N. W. Voorhees will try to overcome this by contest.

Congressman Shively, Democrat, of Indiana, was returned by a still smaller majority--being less than forty votes--and Wm. A. Hayne, his Republican rival, will endeavor to secure the seat. As compared with these efforts to overturn a few votes, the contest of F. B. Eaton, Republican, Memphis, Tenn., to oust Congressman Joe Phelan, seems quite herculean. Mr. Phelan received 8,000 majority.

Charges of fraud will also be made by F. B. Posey, a Republican, who was defeated by Wm. F. Parrett in the First Indiana district. For the first time in many years a contested election case is reported from Connecticut, where, in the Fourth district, Edward R. Seymour, Democrat, will endeavor to unseat Fred R. Miles, Republican. Wm. Elliott, of Beaufort, S. C., brother of an Episcopal clergyman here, who had a contested case on his hands in this Congress, is again to experience the same trouble.

Other cases which will excite interest are those of J. E. Phelps, Republican, against Thos. J. Clunie, Democrat, in the Fifth California district, and John Baker who defeated "Bill" Morrison, and who has in turn succumbed to W. S. Forman.

Judge Waddill, of Richmond, Va., will contest with George D. Wise, the honor of representing the Third Virginia district. He charges fraud and illegal voting.

This long list of cases does not include the West Virginia districts which are almost certain to be contested. The next committee on elections will have its hands full, and will be one of the most important to be appointed by the successor of Mr. Carlisle.

The Coming Inauguration--A Crush Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.--Applications for quarters are coming in from all parts of the United States from people who expect to visit Washington when General Harrison is inaugurated, and the indications are that the number of visitors will be greater on that than on any similar occasions in the past. It comes but once in four years, and the natural increase in population furnishes more attendants as the years roll by. Thousands of Democrats will be on hand. They will come both as members of military and civic organizations, and as plain, every-day visitors. An inauguration attracts beyond the mere political fuss that is made. Cheap railroad rates enable many to make the trip who otherwise would not do so. It is to be a big affair all around, and the way some people expect to rake in money will be a caution. The hotel proprietors, great and small, will reap a harvest. It is amusing to hear the talk that goes on almost daily at the hotel counters. In walks a substantial-looking citizen, imagining that he is going to play the "early bird" racket. "I have just received a letter from a friend of mine," he says. "He informs me that he and another friend would like to secure two nice rooms for several days; each will have his wife with him."

"Certainly," answers the polite clerk behind the counter, who is ready to take care of as many guests as the house will possibly hold. "Where are your friends from and when do they expect to arrive?"

"They will attend the inauguration, and expect to reach Washington about March 1."

"We are not making contracts ahead. Late in February we will attend to that, but not now."

"Yes, but my friends went to have the thing all fixed so that they can move right in when they arrive. They have plenty of money and will pay in advance. What are your rates?"

"All the way from four to fifteen dollars per day, according to size of room and location."

"They want rooms fronting on the avenue."

"That depends upon how many persons go in the front rooms."

This is about the way it goes. The hotel men know that the town is going to be literally overrun with people, and they will be able to pack from four to six people in the smaller rooms, and all the way from six to a dozen in the larger ones. Front rooms on Pennsylvania avenue will cost money on that day, and visitors who have the wherewith will not stand back on account of prices. It will be simply terrible for the permanent guests at the big hotels, and many of them are thinking of getting temporary quarters out in the quiet residence portion of town for the first two weeks in March.

Re-Organization of the Next House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--Clerk Clark, of the House of Representatives, has received the certificates of 250 members-elect to the next House, and has been officially informed that certificates have been issued in all but three Congressional districts. Of the certificates issued, 163 are to Republicans and 159 to Democrats, and of the three districts still in doubt two are in West Virginia and one in Tennessee. In all of them the Republican candidates claim majorities on the face of the returns. However, should the Democratic candidates get the certificates their party will not have control, as the Republicans will still have a majority of one and will organize the House. The question is whether it will be one or seven.

Several Republicans who are elected to the next House are in uncertain health. Several whose names are often mentioned are regarded as having a very uncertain tenure of life. Every indication of ill-health on the part of a member of the next House is regarded with anxiety, and adds another argument to the many advanced in favor of an extra session. This being the case, the candidacy for the Speakership is becoming more heated every day.

Of the 163 Republicans who have received certificates of election, it is said that Mr. Cannon has forty-nine pledged to vote for him; Mr. Read, thirty-eight; Mr. McKinley, twenty-three, and Mr. Burrows, twenty-two. There are sixteen unpledged Southern members. The other fifteen members are divided between prospective candidates. There is no telling for whom they will vote.

Sackville's Successor Not Expected Until Harrison Comes In.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.--The relations of this Government with Great Britain attract a great deal of attention. There are excelent reasons for believing that Phelps will be recalled by the 6th of January, if a successor to Lord Sackville is not accredited to this capital. The Anglo-maniacs here--and there are many of them--are shocked at the tendency of affairs. It is even hinted that the Secretary of War has intimated that he would resign if the relations with Great Britain were further strained. But the President and Secretary of State are looking at the question on the standpoint of National honor, and they feel that the intention of the Tory Government of Great Britain to refrain from accrediting a proper representative to this Government is meant to be insulting. It is the universal opinion here that Salisbury and his Tory associates intend to boycott the Democratic Administration, and that a British envoy will not make an appearance in this country until the Republicans come into power. There is a good deal of correspondence going on between our State Department and Downing street, London, and it is beyond doubt or question that our Government has served notice on Great Britain that if Sackville's successor is not appointed, our envoy to that country will be recalled.

A Sanguine Representative.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--Representative Benton McMillin, of Tennessee, says that the opinion expressed in some quarters that the House committee on ways and means, of which he is a member, will hold back the Tariff bill when it reaches the House from the Senate, is an entire misconception of the purposes of his associates. "We will act upon them," said he, "when it reaches us, as promptly as possible, and will give the House an opportunity to discuss it, and if it reaches us in season the people will have an opportunity to understand fully the difference between the two houses on that subject."

"We are of the opinion," said Mr. McMillan, "that the Democratic party is in better heart and better condition than it ever has been after suffering defeat. Wherever the tariff question was thoroughly discussed there were gains, even in the supposed strongholds of protection. Had as much attention been given to the tariff question in the rural districts as was the case in the cities the result might have been different. It will be the issue from this day on until it wins, and then its opponents will have to give up the fight, as they did from 1852 to 1860, only to renew it again in a new guise."

Death of Mrs. Major-General Schofield.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--The wife of Major-General John M. Schofield, in command of the army of the United States, died yesterday morning at the Richmond flats in this city. Mrs. Schofield has not been in good health since her arrival in Washington some months ago. The attack of illness which resulted in her death was, however, unexpected. She had been suffering from heart disease, complicated with nervous trouble. Saturday night she had a severe attack, and three of the late General Sheridan's physicians--Dr. Yarrow, Surgeon O'Reilly, U. S. A., and Dr. Lincoln--were called in. They were unable to do any thing for the patient, and she died yesterday morning between five and six o'clock.

Mrs. Schofield was the daughter of Prof. Bartlett, formerly professor of philosophy at West Point Military Academy. She was married at the time that General Schofield, then a subordinate, was detailed as instructor at West Point. The body of Mrs. Schofield will be taken to West Point, where it will be buried probably on Wednesday next.

The Nomination of Commodores Belknap and Harmony.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--The *Sunday Herald* says: "There is a strong probability that when the nominations of Commodores Belknap and Harmony are sent to the Senate there will be trouble about their confirmations. There will not be a vacancy until March 25, the date of the retirement of Admiral Luce, and there are a number of officers who contend that previous to that date no nomination should be sent in, because there are no vacancies. The politicians of the Pacific coast are not very favorably disposed toward Commodore Belknap, because he ran the Mare Island yard independently of their wishes. There is no doubt they will do all they can to defeat his nomination, but navy people believe he will eventually be confirmed.

Injured by an Explosion of Powder at a Fire.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 31.--A fire at Sumpter, Saturday, destroyed several small buildings with their contents and several persons were severely injured by the explosion of a keg of powder in one of the burning stores. The damage to property is about $7,000.

Two Children Drowned While Skating.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31.--A Toledo dispatch to the *Times* says: James Macher and Nathan Gilchrist, aged nine and fourteen years respectively, were skating on the bayou yesterday afternoon. The ice broke, precipitating the boys into the water, and both were drowned.

"Mama Will Never See Me Again."

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 31.--Carrie Kunkel, of Thomaston, aged sixteen, on being scolded for going skating, left her home Saturday, saying to a younger sister, "Mama will never see me again," and has not been seen since. The country and surrounding villages are being searched.

The Concert.

The Boston Symphony Orchestral Club inaugurated the Decatur Lecture Course at the Opera House Saturday by giving one of the most artistic entertainments ever presented in the city. It was a program of purely classical selections, each number given in a style and finish that impressed the large audience with the self-evident fact that the performers are artists of the first class. They were Willis Nowell, solo violin; Charles Palm, violin; Richard Stoelzer, viola; Adolph Burose, flute; Philip Roth, solo violincello; Herr Josef Bechel, double bass, assisted by Miss Elsa Clark Cushing, prima donna. There were repeated encores, the recalls being quite enthusiastic. Miss Cushing is a very pleasing concert vocalist whose voice is capable of the most delicate execution. The solo numbers by Mr. Nowell and Mr. Burose were splendidly rendered.

Uncle Tom.

Two performances of Uncle Tom's Cabin to-morrow afternoon and night at the opera house.

"Rusco & Swift's Standard" takes the cake. The Opera House was packed last night to witness the best Uncle Tom performance that ever visited the city. They will certainly be wanted this way again. Every member of the troupe is a singer or an actor, and perfect at that. They fairly took the house by storm and encores and recalls became the order of the evening. In a special manner should be mentioned Mrs. Rusco as "Ophelia." "Eva" was the most angelic yet, and the "Marks" and "Cute" stand at the head of a vast army of such in this country. The colored jubilee singers are particularly deserving of note.

State Finances.

The biennial report of State Treasurer Tanner, just published, shows a very satisfactory condition of the finances of Illinois. On the first of October, 1886, there was in the treasury, belonging to the different funds $ 3,451,711.82

The receipts from all sources for the two years were	10,759,533.93
Total	$14,211,245.75
The total disbursements for the two years were	$10,372,028.53
Leaving a balance on hand, October 1, 1888, of	$ 3,839,217.22

The total bonded debt of the state is $23,100. This debt was all "called" by the governor several years ago, and has consequently ceased to draw interest. It is likely that the bonds representing this debt have been lost or destroyed, and will never be presented for redemption.

The report includes a statement of the amounts paid into the state treasury by the Illinois Central Railroad Company every six months since March 24, 1855. The aggregate amount paid into the treasury for the thirty-three years included in this period is $11,185,318. The last payment included in this report is that of April 30, 1888, which was $191,181. The last one preceding this was the payment of October 31, 1887, which was $223,964--the largest since 1872.

Blood Will Tell.

There is no question about it--blood will tell--especially if it be an impure blood. Blotches, eruptions, pimples and boils, are all symptoms of an impure blood, due to the improper action of the liver. When this important organ fails to properly perform its function of purifying and cleansing the blood, impurities are carried to all parts of the system, and the symptoms above referred to are merely evidences of the struggle of Nature to throw off the poisonous germs. Unless her warning is heeded in time, serious results are certain to follow, culminating in liver or kidney disorders, or even in consumption. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will prevent and cure these diseases, by restoring the liver to a healthy condition.

CHRISTMAS SALES OF PIANOS AND ORGANS.

It is with much pleasure that I announce to the public the list of purchasers of the celebrated Ivers & Pond pianos during the last thirty days:

Rev. M. D. Hawes, City.
John S. Bixby, "
Mrs. Hallie F. Hoskins, City.
J. R. Race, City.
A. Culp, City.
George Cottle, Boody, Ill.
Rev. Gilmore Cunningham, Mt. Pulaski.
Robert McClelland, Omaha, Neb.
Mrs. H. Heinerman, Macon, Ill.
Chas. McCune, Mathusheck, City.

The books also show that within the same time Twenty-five Organs have been sold. I make this announcement to express my thanks publicly for the very liberal patronage received, and to show to the public that the would-be competitors, who excessively advertise their enormous stocks of cheap instruments, do not make all the sales. My motto has and shall ever be, to sell only first-class instruments. Persons need to see and hear only once the Ivers & Pond pianos and Miller organs to be convinced of this.

dec29-d1w1 S. M. LUTZ.

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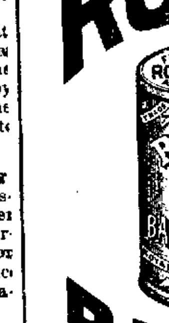

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Foster's Crop Prediction.

Prof. W. S. Foster, the genial and philosophical editor of the Creston (Iowa) *Gazette*, whilom weather prophet of the *Hawkeye*, has recently exercised his prophetic gifts at long range, bringing forth a specific forecast of next year's weather and the price of corn. It is very important, if true. In a double-leaded editorial paragraph in the *Gazette* he says: "Corn will be worth 75 cents a bushel in Chicago within twelve months from this date. It is now worth 35 cents. We hope that Iowa farmers will sell only so much of their corn as they are compelled to. Next year will be too dry for corn in northern latitudes, and every one who can hold their corn in Iowa for ten or twelve months will realize a profit of from $500 to $750 for every 1,000 bushels.

$2.00 A SUIT for fine scarlet Underwear, at B. Stine's. d&w

WILL START

Saturday Morning, Dec. 29,

A Cheap Cleaning-Up Sale.

Odds and Ends, Short Pieces, Single Pairs of Hosiery, Gloves, Mittens, etc.
At Prices that will make them go quick.

Trimmed Hats, worth $1.75 to $2.50, at $1.00, $1.26 and $1.50. Hats worth $2.50 to $3.50, reduced to $1.75 and $2.25. Pattern Hats at 50c on the dollar. Untrimmed Hats, worth $1.00 to $1.25, cut to 50c. French Felt Hats, worth $1.75 to $2.50, reduced to $1.00 and $1.25.
Tips, Plumes, Fancy Feathers, at just ONE-HALF regular prices.
Dress Goods, Plushes, Velvets, H'dk'fs, Mufflers, Tidies, Throws, Neckwear,--all reduced to prices that will make them go.
Special Hosiery Sale every Saturday Evening. You can save big money by attending these sales.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

143 East Main Street.

WHAT THE EDITOR SAW.

The largest and most complete Feed and Fuel store in the State, V. H. Parke & Son, proprietors. They carry everything in the Feed and Fuel line, and the quality is the best. They carry Hard Coal, all sizes; Block Coal, Cannel Coal, Blossburg, and the now justly celebrated Dawson Soft Coal; Cord Wood, Chunks, Stove Wood; every kind of Stock Feed ever sold in this market; good teams--in fact it is complete, and a credit to our city. Dec 21-d3w

A Card.

Those intending to take private lessons in either Voice Culture or Elocution after the holidays should see me and arrange their lesson hours as soon as possible, as my time will soon be all occupied. Observe, 20 lessons, 40 minutes each, $10.00, *for this season only*. Also, pupils joining my classes in chorus singing, sight singing or elocution will receive a proper discount for the number of lessons already taught. See "Bargain Column" for hours of meeting.

26-d6 L. L. CROSTHWAIT.

THE Bluegrass Shop will make you low figures on vehicle work. apr 16-dt

WHEN the blood is impure, thick and sluggish, or thin and impoverished, there can be no health. With these conditions, all the functions of the body impaired, and the result is a variety of dangerous complications. The best remedy is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

A Card.

In assuming the directorship of the Decatur Musical College, I am pleased to announce that there will be no change in the work. We guarantee first class instruction in the following branches: Piano, organ, violin, voice culture, harmony, guitar, banjo, mandolin, French, German and Italian, all at the lowest possible rates. I hope the people will be interested in the continued success of the college, and patronize it as liberally as heretofore. Pupils will be received at any time. For full information call at the college, corner Main and William streets, or address Olof Bull, Decatur, Illinois. d24-tf

FOR all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of Aungst & Dowling, 533 North Morgan street. None better in the city. jan30-dtf

No fancy prices on Gents' Underwear at B. Stine's. dtf

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CONTINUATION

OF OUR

GREAT CLOAK SALE

DURING THIS WEEK.

Intending to use the Standard Fashion Patterns next year we will from now until Jan. 1, sell our stock of McCall's Bazar Patterns at HALF PRICE.

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Where Were the Parnell Sympathizers?

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.--The furniture, oil paintings and water colors that Mrs. Delia I. S. Parnell, the mother of Charles Stewart Parnell, removed last week from her father's residence, Ironsides, at Bordentown, N. J., were sold at auction yesterday afternoon by Reilly and McElhinny at No. 85 Nassau street. The furniture comprised easy chairs and carpets and cabinets and chinaware, and was sold by an arrangement with Lancaster & Co., of Wall street, Mrs. Parnell's bankers. Mrs. Parnell was not present at the sale. The goods were of old-fashioned pattern, and brought prices that were generally ridiculously low. A folding bedstead went for one dollar, and a marble-topped washstand for twenty-five cents to one of the auctioneer's assistants, who is an ardent admirer of Parnell, and was apparently amazed at the figure at which he secured the piece of furniture. The auctioneers will report the result of the sale to Lancaster & Co. to-morrow. They said last night that they could not form an estimate of the aggregate realized. It was far below the value of the goods, they said.

Real or Apparent Death.

EAST SIOUX FALLS, Dak., Dec. 31.--Last Sunday a three-year-old child of L. P. Olsen, of East Sioux Falls, died from dropsy, and preparations were made to bury the child on Tuesday, but as the ground was very slippery from the recent sleet storm, it was postponed until next day. That night the body showed evidence of returning life. Color frequently came into different parts of the body and then entirely disappeared. There were also other evidences of life. The funeral was indefinitely postponed until it is decided whether or not the child is dead. Dozens of doctors have examined the body, but none will authorize the burial of the child.

Whipt by White Caps.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 31.--A Lima (O.) special to the *Times* says: John Morisoner, proprietor of the only saloon at Rawson, has been repeatedly warned by White Caps to close, but paid no attention to the threats. Saturday night a party of men masked as White Caps visited him, and after demolishing the saloon, whipped him until he begged for mercy and swore he would never go into the saloon business again.

Public Reception to Major Warner, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.--Major William Warner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was Saturday evening tendered a public reception in the hall of the House of Representatives. Major Warner responded briefly to speeches of welcome, and short speeches were also made by members of the commander's staff.

"THERE was a sound of revelry by night" and she had a card but couldn't go, all on account of neuralgia. Her favorite dude, however, had a level head, and instead of a bouquet, brought Salvation Oil. They went and were happy once more.

The proprietors of the *Tarboro Southerner*, Tarboro, S. C., write--"Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup goes so fast our druggist can't keep supplied."

ST. LOUIS *Globe-Dem.*: Senator Call, of Florida, attempted to get an amendment attached to the Senate tariff bill increasing the proposed duty on oranges, lemons and limes about 75 percent. This does not necessarily indicate that the Senator is a rabid advocate of a high tariff, for he is, in reality, the very opposite of this. The articles here mentioned are produced in Florida. Mr. Call is like the average member of his party. He is a rigid protectionist so far as regards the products of his own state, but is a free trader so far as regards the articles a hundred or a thousand times as valuable produced in the remainder of the country.

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We have telegraphed for more Opera Glass Holders and those who have been disappointed in not getting them can find them Monday again.

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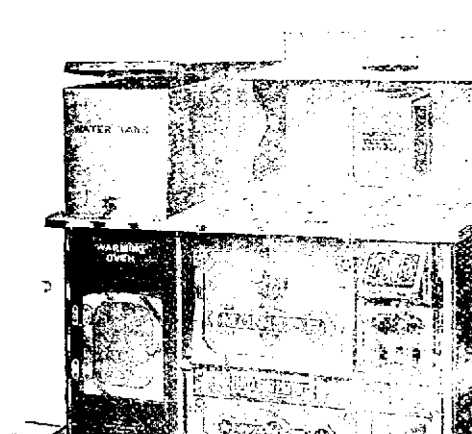

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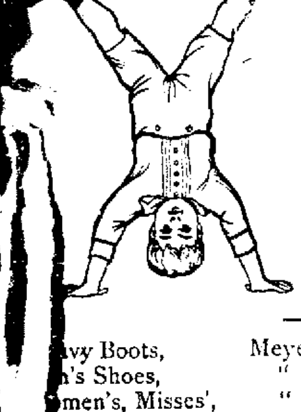

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This Catalogue,

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Windsor, Mocha and Java Coffee,
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—AND—

FRESH OYSTERS EVERY MORNING.

DINGES & CLOYD.

MONDAY EVE., DEC. 31, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

DINNER SETS.—Make your wife a Christmas Present of one. $10 to $85 each, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.'S.

BALL to-night at Guards' Armory.

UNCLE TOM matinee New Year's Day.

HAPPY New Year!

GOOD-BYE old 1888. You have been good to the Republicans, we should ejaculate. We'll not forget you.

FINE toilet powders at Irwin's.

ALVIN JOSLIN will stump his toe at the Opera House to-night.

TAKE the children to the Uncle Tom matinee to-morrow afternoon.

EVERYTHING goes at the Closing Sale at John Irwin's White Front. 31-d6w1

C. B. PRESCOTT has an interesting card in another column in reference to his holiday sales.

A DECATUR young lady desires a position as stenographer and typewriter with some business firm. Apply at this office. 21-dtf

HENRY C. FERRELL is the proud father of a new baby boy.

THE last meeting of the Baptist Christian Endeavor Society until 1889, will be held at the church this evening.

MAKE out your list this evening and swear off—turn over a new leaf and paste it down.

KNOX P. TAYLOR, the state evangelist, will begin a Sabbath School Institute at the Christian Church on Thursday.

THE Opera House Orchestra will be kept pretty busy this week, playing for the fireman's ball to-night, the New Year's reception at the Decatur Club rooms to-morrow afternoon and night, for the dancing party at Judge Race's residence Thursday night and for a ball at Tuscola Friday night.

ORDER the always reliable White Loaf flour made by the Shellabargar Mill and Elevator Company.

LARGEST assortment of cough drops at Irwin's.

THE famous Mendelssohn Quintette Club will appear at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, January 16th.

ANYTHING wanted for the table can be had at Hanks & Patterson's South Water street grocery store.

THE last marriage licensse taken out for the old year was the one issued this forenoon to Walker Smith and Miss Ollie Dill, of Maroa.

ATTEND the closing-out sale at John Irwin's White Front. 31-d6w1

THE chief engineers of the Illinois fire fire departments will hold a state convention in Clinton, beginning on January 8th, with 50 to 100 chiefs in attendance. They will be given a grand reception, ball and banquet.

DON'T forget that at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store can be had the celebrated Monitor heaters and ranges.

THE annual convention of the Illinois Short-Horn Breeders' Association, of which H. E. Prather is president, will be held at Springfield January 15 and 16. J. H. Pickrell and many other breeders will deliver interesting addresses.

THE violin used by Prof. Nowell at the concert Saturday night, is said to have cost him $7,800.

TELEPHONE Niedermeyer's family grocery store on the Mound for choice table supplies.

LIQUID Bread at Irwin's.

THE revival meetings at Myers' Hall, corner Wood and Broadway, conducted by Rev. McIntosh and wife, are growing in interest. Last night every inch of space was taken, standing room being at a premium. Perfect order prevailed all through the sermon. The reverend gentleman's discourse was eloquent and deep. His pleasant little wife gave a treat by way of some good singing. So far ten souls have been converted and the good work still goes on. Meeting every night this week.

BEGIN the new year right by purchasing the celebrated White Foam family flour. It will suit you.

THE annual state meeting of the tile-makers' association will be held at Springfield January 20 and 21. On the first day Governor Fifer will deliver the address of welcome. Excursion rates on the railroads. Macon county will be represented at this meeting as usual.

VIENNA bread, buns, rolls and fresh pies every day at J. Lytle & Co.'s complete grocery store.

THE dedication of the new Castle Hall of Chevalier Bayard Lodge, No. 189, Knights of Pythias, will occur on Friday evening, January 4th. James W. Patterson, Rev. James Miller, of this city, and Rev. A. B. Morey, of Jacksonville, will deliver addresses.

CALL on Johnson & Spence at 150 Merchant street where you will find good groceries, fresh butter and Baltimore oysters.

DEAL with the Moore Bros. in Opera block. All orders for family groceries and fruits promptly filled.

Boys' Jersey Suits at Stine's. dtf

ALL goods will be closed out very cheap at Woman's Exchange, 242 South Water street. MRS. A. T. GRIST. 26-d6

OPERA GLASSES.

Special Sale this week,

At DR. HUBBELL'S.

Dec 3-d1m

THE DECATUR CHURCHES.

Strangers in the Pulpits—Resignation of Rev. Prestley Presented.

Rev. Fisher, missionary in Japan for a number of years, delivered an interesting address at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. A large collection was taken up.

REV. D. H. SNOWDEN.

Dr. D. H. Snowden, one of the bright speakers of the lecture platform, and now a resident pastor at Dongola, Ill., occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening, and delivered two powerful discourses. They were not lectures, but eloquent and thoughtful sermons based on texts taken from the Bible. Dr. Snowden is a man of fine physique, in middle life, and is a pulpit orator of considerable note. He lectured here several years ago.

REV. PRESTLEY'S RESIGNATION.

At the morning services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, Rev. W. H. Prestley tendered his resignation to the congregation, to take effect on or before the first day of June, 1889. This action an the part of the pastor is final. The Presbytery of the Springfield district will meet at the church on the second Tuesday in April, when the resignation will be officially presented and acted upon by that body. Rev. Prestley has been in charge of the Decatur church for over twelve years and will leave the city with the best wishes of all his acquaintances. He is an able preacher, a faithful pastor, and has been a citizen and friend whom we shall regret to lose. No doubt a meeting of the congregation will be held to act on the resignation.

MRS. ROUNDS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist church was completely filled Sunday evening to hear Mrs. L. S. Rounds, of Chicago, president of the Illinois W. C. T. U., deliver her address on "Social Parity," a subject which she handled in a masterly manner, showing up the present style of living among some men and women and presenting a mass of logical conclusions and valuable suggestions as to the best means of correcting existing evils and saving fallen men and women. The lady, who is a very fluent, plain-spoken lecturer, spoke for an hour and a half in discussing her fruitful theme and in presenting the objects and purposes of the White Cross League, in the success of which so many noble women of the land are interested. Mrs. Rounds addressed the W. C. T. U. at their rooms Sunday afternoon, and will lecture again to-night before the Union at the same place.

AT THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The Christmas exercises, postponed for a week because of the illness of Mr. Bunn, were observed at the Universalist church Sunday evening, with the audience room filled with children and visitors. It was a very pretty service of songs and recitations, telling the beautiful story of "Elsie's Guest, a Legend of the Christmas Tide." The pastor, Rev. Sophie Gibb, had charge of the literary part of the exercises, while the choir, composed of D. L. Bunn, Mrs. Bunn, Frank Bunn, Miss Bunn, Miss Cora Elwood, Miss Spencer and Miss Jessie Harry, led the singing and rendered several fine anthems. The following was the programme:

Responsive service	The School
Singing—"Coronation"	Congregation
Recitation	Grace Handley
Songs—"With Joy," "Merry Bells," Jack Frost" "Make Haste"	The Infant Class
Recitation	Infant Class
Recitation—"Our Sunday School"	Grace Foster
Carol—"Christmas Stars"	School
Recitation—"Christmas Tide"	Leane Moore
Recitation—"The Mother's Babe"	Maud McDonald
Carol—"Waken, all ye Christians"	Choir
Recitation—"Haste, Elsie"	Bertie Morgan
Solo—"The Mill Wheels"	Grace Foster
Recitation—"The Happy Child,"	Helen Woodruff
Carol—"Babe Jesu"	School
Recitation—"The Starving Child"	Bruce Chenoweth
Recitation—"Tap, Tap,"	Aggie Darby
Recitation—"The Children"	Lulu Elliott
Carol—"The Christmas Tree"	School
Recitation—"The Judge's Parlors"	Flora Bradley
Recitation—"It was Midnight"	Ella Vermillion
Carol—"Christmas Stars are Silver Lamps"	Choir
Recitation—"Elsie's Guest"	Grace Baldwin
Carol—"The Angel's Song"	School
Collection	
Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord"	Choir
Benediction	Rev. S. F. Gibb

WATCH NIGHT.

There will be watch night services at the First M. E. church to-night, which will no doubt be largely attended by the members and friends.

REVIVAL.

Revival services begin to-night at Stapp's Chapel with a watch-night service, beginning at 9 o'clock. The first hour will be devoted to testimony and song, the second to preaching by Rev. F. M. Sisson of Lincoln, and the third to prayer and consecration. Meetings every night this week except Saturday evening. All are invited

TWENTY-FIVE CONVERTS.

There was a crowd of nearly 3,000 people present Sunday afternoon to witness the immersion of 25 new converts to the faith cure meeting at Springfield. They were immersed in the dam on Spring Creek, northwest of the city, Mrs. Maria B. Woodworth, the apostle of faith cure, performing the ceremony, with the assistance of John Darragh. The faith cure meetings have grown till the largest hall in Springfield will not accommodate the attendance, even when an admission is charged.

THERE will be a social party at the residence of Mr. J. R. Race on Thursday evening of this week.

THERE will be a watch-night meeting to-night at the American Salvation Army hall, over Roach Bros.' store. All invited.

The Eclipse.

There will be a total eclipse of the sun visible on the Pacific coast on New Year's day, and slightly visible in the Mississippi valley. Decatur people who care to take the trouble may note the partial obscuration of it is a clear day by getting out their smoked glasses. It will be first noticeable at about 3:20 p. m. in this locality. It will be the 44th solar eclipse that has occurred since the great one of August 7, 1869, which was seen in its totality in Illinois.

The Play To-Night.

Charles L. Davis and his fine company will appear to-night in the new play, "One of the Old Stock," in which Mr. Davis will personate his famous character of *Alvin Joslin*. This performance will catch a crowded house as usual, and will delight everybody. The company has its own orchestra. Popular prices.

Closing Sale.

Owing to a contemplated change the large stock of Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at John Irwin's White Front, P. O. Block, will be sold regardless of cost. The stock will be sold in sections. This week we commence on *Overcoats*. Terms strictly cash. Now is the time to secure a bargain. V. BARBER, Proprietor. 31-d6w1

NOVELTIES in Boys' Jersey Waists, at Stine's. dtf

The Bolinger Suicide.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning Simon Bolinger, aged 48 years, died at his home near the corner of Monroe street and Railroad avenue. On Christmas day he bought 10 cents worth of arsenic to kill rats, and since then he has been taking the poison with suicidal intent. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. Bolinger had threatened to take his life, but little attention was paid to his threats. Attempts were made to save his life, but the poison did its work. Bolinger formerly lived near Arthur, in Moultrie county, where he was a farmer. He came to Decatur in 1886 with something over $4000. Part of this sum was used to purchase the Montgomery stock of groceries on North Water street. The business didn't prosper. Subsequently Mr. B. purchased the Ed. Haines barber shop on Front street, which also failed to bring the returns expected. He seemed to be in bad luck all round, and then he took to drinking and idleness. He became tired of living, and finally resolved to destroy his life. While he lived in Moultrie county he took a dose of laudanum with suicidal intent, and for many months he has owned a revolver which he threatened to use on himself. Coroner Bendure held an inquest on the body Sunday and a verdict of suicide was returned. The family is left with something over $1000.

The body of Bolinger was shipped to Arthur, Ill., to-day for burial.

Buy One.

The REPUBLICAN carrier boys in exchanging the compliments of the season with our readers to-morrow, will present copies of their beautifully illustrated New Year's address. No doubt each carrier will be handsomely remembered. So be it.

Sabbath School Officers.

The following officers of the Baptist Sabbath School were elected on Sunday for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—W. J. Wayne.
Assistant Sup't—J. H. Coonradt.
Secretary—Allie Bower.
Assistant—Miss Ethel Dimock.
Librarian—Will Brown.
Assistant—Henry Drobisch.
Treasurer—Miss Josie Harwood.
Organist—Miss Mame Freeman.
Assistant—Miss Neta Clark.
Chorister—I. N. Martin, Jr.

THE Light Guard full orchestra will furnish the music for the swell dancing party at Clinton to-night.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George Lower got in from St. Louis Saturday night.

B. Bradley has returned from his trip to St. Louis.

H. A. McClintock and wife, of Boonville, Mo., are at the St. Nicholas.

Hon. W. H. Kretsinger, of Logan county, visited Decatur to-day.

Miss Lida Thompson, of Tuscola, is a guest of Miss Frances Ehrman, on West Prairie street.

Mrs. H. C. Stanley is entertaining her husband's sister, Miss Barbara Stanley, of Chicago.

Miss Cora Floyd, of Mt. Zion, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. F. A. Leforgee.

Miss Rose Judson has accepted the position of organist at the Baptist church.

Mrs. E. R. Eldridge, of Chicago, is in the city for the winter, attending her daughter who is in poor health.

Mrs. H. H. Brown left for Springfield Saturday evening, accompanied by her grand-children, Will and Roy Brown.

Misses Lizzie Flynn, Julia Collins and Marguerite Myers, of Springfield, are in the city on a holiday visit.

Mrs. Alice O'Bannon, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with her brother, D. L. Vigus, and family.

Manager Charles P. Miller and the members of the Boston orchestral club, spent Sunday in Decatur.

Albert Perry, of Mexico City, and Mrs. Rebecca Workman, of Bloomington, are visiting their sister, Mrs. A. L. Brockway.

Mrs. P. H. Walker and Mrs. A. H. Seeley, of Rushville, Ill., departed for their home to-day. They have been the holiday guests of F. L. Stevenson and family.

Mrs. D. L. Vigus, Mrs. J. H. Gragg and Mrs. Alice O. Zamen, of St. Louis, returned Saturday from a visit to Captain Burns, A. S. Blair and families, of Illiopolis.

Dr. D. H. Snowden, who occupied the Congregational church pulpit yesterday, departed for his home early this morning. He lives at Dongola, Ill. He left home on Wednesday morning, and on Thursday morning his city was visited by a $70,000 fire—some fifteen brick business houses and a number of dwellings being burned, his residence only being saved out of the entire block. He tried to recall his appointment here, but it was too late. The buildings are a total loss, no insurance on any of them.

Buried with Military Honors.

The mortal remnins of the late veteran, Samuel Hopkins, were laid in the grave at Mt. Gilead on Sunday afternoon, the services being held at the residence of W. F. Martin, Rev. Ilsley, of Macon, officiating. There wrs a large attendance of friends. The interment was with military honors by members of Durham Post, this city, and Mt. Zion comrades. The following graceful and patriotic acknowledgment to the Grand Army comrades was presented:

DECATUR, Dec. 30, '88.

Capt. Lytle, Chaplain Dunham Post, Grand Army of the Republic:

DEAR SIR—Allow me through you to express to your comrades of the G. A. R. my appreciation of that beautiful spirit of patriotic regard for a man who has served his country which leads you to be friend and brother to a comrade when all other tender ties of life are severed by death. The death in the Soldiers' Home, and the burial of his comrades in the army, of a veteran soldier, who had passed the three score years and ten allotted to man, without wife or child or home, suggests some compensations of the war, of which we seldom think. Fraternal love and patriotic fervor are part of the fruits of the great struggle, and he who served his country in the war is no longer without home and brother. It is an ennobling sentiment of patriotic love for the defenders of our country, which has provided a home where the homeless old soldier can read his title clear to a refuge and a rest. Our land was saved, regenerated, born again in the throes of the rebellion, and this new republic of freedom, the child of this mighty agony, has rightfully provided for those who risked their lives for her existence. No niggard hand doles out a charity, but a grateful hand gives freely of beauty and comfort and rest, that the declining years of our old soldiers may be passed in peace. Then when life's weary struggle is over, brothers meet and tenderly consign to rest the worn-out casket that held the soul of a patriot. He was a soldier, and a score of men—men no longer young, men who scarcely knew him in life—leave their cheerful firesides, forego their one day of rest, and face a weary ride in rain and mud, to bury their brother. No kingly pageantry, no grand display of wealth or place, can so honor any man as the beautiful ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic read over the grave of a soldier, by men who honor him in death because in life he honored his country.

J. M. JOHNS.

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A Pleasant Good-Bye.

In appreciation of his past services and business ability the Singer Manufacturing Company have promoted Mr. James Young, the popular manager of the Decatur office, to the position of special agent at Chicago. He will enter upon his new field of duties January 1st, and learning this fact the employes of the office at once resolved to present him with some tangible token of their esteem. Miss Neely and Miss Mills took the work in hand and the desired result was soon obtained in the shape of an elegant gold-headed umbrella which was presented to him by Miss Jessie Mills, who in a few kind and feeling remarks expressed the regards and good wishes of the employes and the regret that all felt at hearing of his departure. Mr. Young was so completely surprised that speech seemed to have left him but regaining his composure very feelingly expressed his thanks and a moment later invited all to the New Deming where supper was served.

Decatur Club,
AT HOME
To their lady friends and invited guests,
January 1, 1889,
6 to 11 o'clock P. M.

Reception. P. LOEB, T. POWERS, B. Z. TAYLOR, Committee.

THE W. C. T. U. will give a reception in their rooms to-morrow (New Year's Day) from 1 until 6 o'clock p. m. All friends are cordially invited to call.

Sales of Real Estate.

J. H. Mauzy to Thomas Russell, sheriff's certificate of sale of lots 8 and 9 block 2, at Warrensburg—$6500.

D. W. Brenneman and Eli Brenneman to Dr. John McCoy, of Effingham, 55 feet off the west side of lot 4, Western addition—$2500. The Doctor will build a fine dwelling in the spring.

Mary E. Leforgee to Edward Aungst, lot 4, block 3, Higgins' addition—$800.

I. F. Peck to W. H. Taylor, blocks 5 and 6 in Bowers' addition to Harristown—$1500.

John Keinath to Anna M. Keinath, tract of land and lots 1 and 1 in block 3, Prather & Adamson's addition—$500.

J. H. Burke to A. T. Risley, 10 acres in 26, 16, 3, Long Creek township—$230.

A Solid Bond.

The official bond of Captain Harvey Mahannah, tax collector for Decatur township, has been filed. It is for $275,-033, with J. R. Mills, K. H. Roby, K. Harwood, B. O. McReynolds, D. S. Shellabarger, Geo. D. Haworth, J. W. Haworth, C. P. Thatcher, J. M. Clokey, James Millikin, O. B. Gorin and Milton Johnson as securities. The collector will be ready to gather in the taxes next month.

OTHER BONDS.

Clarence L. Hadley, collector of Austin township; bond, $11,825; sureties, J. B. Nowlin and Samuel Heft.

W. B. Hunter, collector of Mt. Zion; bond, $24,086; sureties, W. H. Wallace, A. C. Traughber, F. W. Smith, David Blalock and James Millikin.

MRS. ROUNDS will give an address in the W. C. T. U. rooms in Library Block at 7:30 this evening. Subject, "Temperance." Everybody invited. Admission free.

CAN this be true? A Pekin lawyer collected a claim of $54 for a servant girl who had worked fifty-four weeks for the money, and then had to enforce her claim for it. The girl got $17 out of it, and the officers and lawyers gobbled the balance of it for their valuable services. It took them about an hour to earn what it took the girl a year to earn.

C. B. PRESCOTT'S

Christmas Sales of Pianos and Organs.

Mr. W. H. Starr, City, piano.
Mr. James Veale, City, piano.
Mr. A. L. Armstrong, Springfield, piano.
Mr. Henry Jokisch, Boody, piano.
Mr. Fred. Helton, Atwood, piano.
Mr. G. M. Proctor, City, organ.
Mr. J. W. Ward, Hidalgo, organ.
Mr. S. W. Yankey, Mt. Auburn, organ.
Mr. John Hudson, Moawequa, organ.
Mr. D. Bunker, Warrensburg, organ.
Mr. Andrew Heninger, Cerro Gordo, organ.
Mr. R. A. Harris, Sullivan, organ.
Mr. J. L. Berry, Oakley, organ.
Mr. Ed. Freemont, City, organ.
Mrs. Mattie Hoggins, Rose Hill, organ.
Mrs. Nancy Martin, Hammond, organ.
Mrs. M. M. Lowry, City, organ.

The old reliable *Haines Bros. and Everett Pianos, Packard* and *Newman Bros.' Organs* were sold to most of the above customers. These instruments need no recommendations *nor helpers* to sell. They stand without a superior.

My books do not show that I have sold twenty-five organs in the last thirty days, as my *windy competitor* claims to have done. Neither do the books of any music dealer in Central Illinois show that number of organ customers sold to during the month of December. Tell the *truth* or produce the *customers.*

C. B. PRESCOTT.

THE promptness with which Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops a hacking cough and induces refreshing sleep is something marvelous. It never fails to give instant relief, even in the worst cases of throat and lung trouble, and is the best remedy for whooping cough.

Wanted.

A good girl to do general housework at corner of Edward and North streets.
1t MRS. G. W. POWERS.

MARRIED.

At the California Hotel, Effingham, Ill., on Wednesday, December 26, by Rev. St. Clair, Mr. Charles N. Smith and Miss Maggie Buchert, both of Decatur, Ill.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. Frank Buchert with Imboden Bros., this city, and the groom, as we all know, is the swift base ball pitcher, who played with the Decatur club part of last season and in 1886. He is now employed in the railway service at Effingham, where the couple will reside this winter.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—101½ Dec; 101⅝ Jan; 102 Feb; 106¾ May.
CORN—34 Dec; 34⅛ Jan; 34⅝ Feb; 37½ May.
OATS—25 Dec; 25⅛ Jan; 25¾ Feb; 28⅝ May.
PORK—$12.85 Dec; $12.82 Jan; 13.40 May.
LARD—$7.60 Dec; $7.60 Jan; $7.77½ May.
RIBS—$6.82 Dec; $6.77 Jan; $7.00 May.
Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 15,000; market firm.
Cattle, 9,000; market steady.
Car Lots—Wheat: Winter, 29; Spring, 8; Corn, 158; Oats, 87.

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From Now Until the 1st of February, '89,

WE WILL GIVE EXTRA BARGAINS

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Winter Goods, of Every Description,

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FLANNELS, BLANKETS, HOSIERY,
GLOVES, UNDERWEAR.

—AND—

Inasmuch as we have not time during **the** busy season to give special **attention to** our Linen Department, we will during the month of January, '89, offer UNUSUAL BARGAINS in

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And will Close Out our

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REGARDLESS OF COST.

☞Those in quest of **BARGAINS** need not wait until January, **as the** Cut in Prices will begin NOW.

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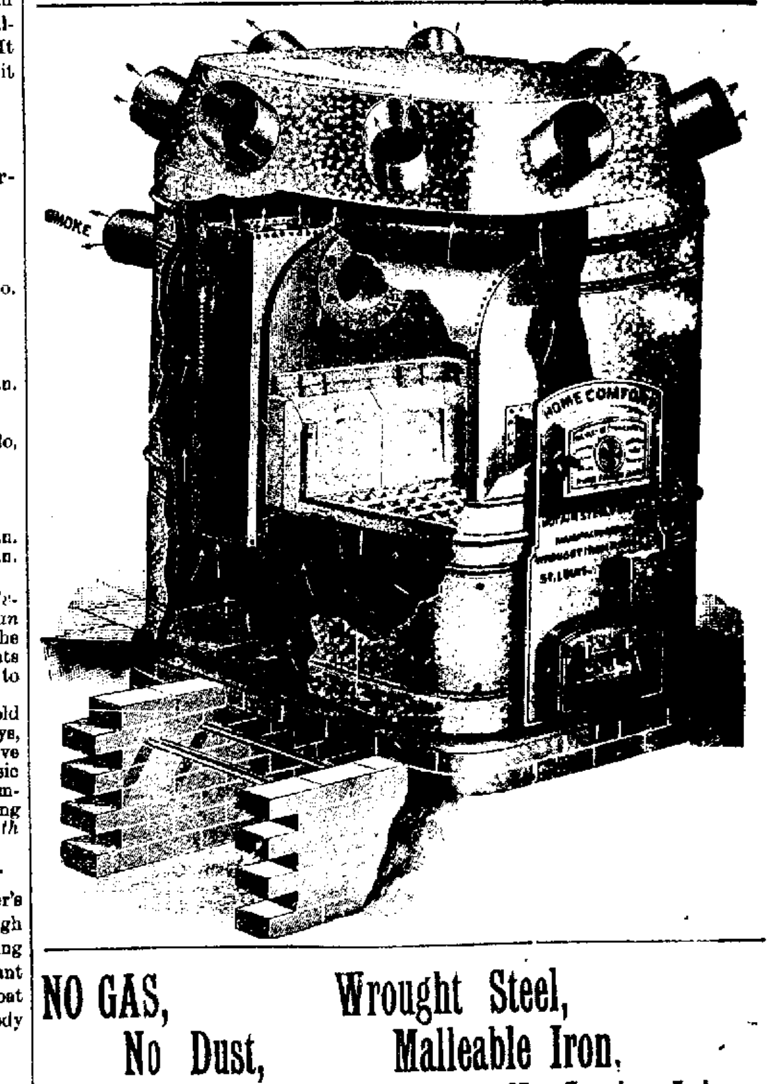

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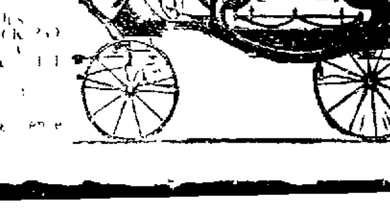

TARIFF REFORM.

Banquet of the Tariff Reform League at Boston Last Night.

Speech of Secretary Fairchild and Others, and Letters from President Cleveland and Mr. Carlisle.

All Agree That the Fight Is for Principle and the People, and Must Be Maintained, Despite Defeat

BOSTON, Dec 29—The annual banquet of the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League, which took place here at the Hotel Vendome last evening, proved to be one of the most brilliant political gatherings of the season The principal guest of the evening was United States Secretary of the Treasury Fairchild Among the others were President Eliot, of Harvard Colonel T W Higginson, Hon P A Collins Hon John F Andrew, Hon. Henry L Pierce, Hon. Geo S Hale C R. Codman Hon Leopold Morse, Jesse Metcalf M T Stevens Congressman Burnett, W R Rice and Wm Endicott Hon W E Russell presided and made a happy opening speech, in which he said all that fell to him was to raise the curtain He referred to those present who had come from positions of high trust in the Nation, and said the gathering was not one of interested capitalists to rejoice over a political victory, but a gathering in the interests of the propagation of a great political economical reform Referring to the election, he said there was a misfortune in the defeat of President Cleveland a brave and honest man who refused to catch at votes when his country's good was at stake [Three cheers were here given for President Cleveland]

President Cleveland's letter was then read as follows

EXECUTIVE MANSION }
WASHINGTON Dec 24 }

MESSRS SHERMAN HOAR AND OTHERS COMMITTEE—*Gentlemen* I am exceedingly sorry that I can not be present at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League on the 28th inst This is not merely a formal and common expression of regret It truly indicates how much I should enjoy meeting the members of your League and how glad I should be to express in person my appreciation of their important services in a cause to which I am earnestly attached, and to acknowledge at the same time their frequent and encouraging manifestations of personal friendliness I know too that it would be profitable and advantageous to be even for a brief period with in the inspiring influence of the atmosphere surrounding the patriotic and unselfish men, banded together in the interests of their fellow countrymen and devoted to the work of tariff reform This reform appears to me to be as far reaching in its purposes as the destiny of our country and as broad in its beneficence as the welfare of our entire people It is because the efforts of its advocates are not discredited by any sordid motives that they are able boldly and confidently to attack the strongholds of selfishness and greed Our institutions were constructed in purity of purposes and for love of humanity Their operation is adjusted to the touch of National virtue and patriotism and their results under such guidance must be the prosperity and happiness of our people and so long as the advocates of tariff reform appreciate the sentiments in which our institutions had their origin so long as they apprehend the forces which alone can guide their operation so long as they, in a spirit of true patriotism are consecrated to the service of their country temporary defeat brings no discouragement It but proves the stubbornness of the forces of combined selfishness and discloses how far the people have been led astray and how great is the necessity of redoubled efforts in their behalf To lose faith in the intelligence of the people is a surrender and an abandonment of the struggle To arouse their intelligence and free it from darkness and delusion gives assurance of speedy and complete victory In the track of reform are often found the dead hopes of pioneers and the despair of those who fall in the march But there will be neither despair nor dead hopes in the path of tariff reform nor shall its pat[illegible] fail to reach the heights

Holding fast their faith and rejecting every alluring overture and every deceptive compromise which would betray their sacred trust, they themselves shall [illegible] and restore the patrimony of the [illegible] freed from the trespass of grasping encroachment and safely secured by the genius of American justice and equality Yours very truly

GROVER CLEVELAND

The applause following the reading of the letter having abated President Cleveland's health was drunk standing Another three cheers was given and Mr Russell then introduced Secretary Fairchild, as a representative of the Administration

Secretary Fairchild expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred by asking him to be the guest of the league and said that the last election had by no means decided the question of tariff and tariff reform The struggle has only begun and the end is not yet the record of the late canvass brings no discouragement to our cause but on the contrary high hopes for the future It shows us that wherever intellect was aroused thought invoked and experience appealed to we made great gains that we lost only in those places where mind was dominated with passion—where partisanship and the blind prejudice of race and section overcame benevolence and love for a whole country It is true the tariff should be settled and forever removed from the domain of politics for it not only disturbs business but infinitely worse it prevents the simple purpose of universal beneficence for which alone our Government is fitted It converts our legislative halls into scenes of barter between conflicting interests where wrangles over means to enable men to get more and still more money from our citizens becomes the chief characteristic of the peoples' representatives It degrades business and often makes success therein the price of dishonor It corrupts the people but how can this question be settled? There are two kinds of so called protective tariffs the one old fashioned now nearly obsolete—that of Henry Clay sometimes called the promoter of infant industries—the underlying principle of which was if I rightly understand it that there were certain important industries which if sustained by the promise of an assured market in this country, would in a short time become so established that they could give their products to our people as cheaply as they could be bought anywhere in the world the other the modern protective tariff The tariff which was embodied in the platform of the party successful in the late election has as its foundation the principle that it is best for the American people to buy and use certain articles or in the angu[illegible] ge of the late Republican platform articles which can be produced in this country only when thus produced or manufactured cost what they may and that to the promotion of this end all the powers of the Federal Government should be invoked The statement of the principle of this protective tariff shows it can be settled it could even be embodied in the Constitution We have but to provide that no articles which can be produced or made in this country shall be imported or that they shall be subject to duty of $1 00 per cent. ad valorem This would settle the question and remove it from politics This settlement however, can only be had after the principle involved has been held naked before the people has been fully considered and discussed by them and approved by an overwhelming majority

This question has not been presented to the people, and the blame for its non presentment rests with those business men and manufacturers who were so active in the late canvass, and who will now complain that your agitation tends to disturb that which for their interest, ought to be settled. I don't remember one document or one argument actively circulated among the people during the last year which presented or attempted to present this question pure and simple On the other hand, we can all recall many documents and appeals, the sole purpose of which was to divert men's thoughts from this question, and to confuse their minds upon this issue

It would be wearisome to tell the long list of non arguments, and yet go to any Northern moral community and ask the inhabitants to give a reason for their action upon the tariff and see if you will get a satisfactory reply Now and then you may hear a nebulous something about a home market, but it will be nebulous indeed.

No such arguments so presented have not settled and can not settle a principle for the future We are told that this modern tariff idea is popular in some of the Southern States and that the party which advocates it will soon be strengthened by their support This may or may not be true They can only be gained for it by presenting it clearly and fairly to the people of those States They can't be won by picturing to the people of the North the dangers which they have to fear from old men who ceased to be rebel brigadiers before many of the present voters were born If however any of those States can be gained for that cause after argument fairly made it must be remembered that many a Northern man and many a Northern State must be released for broader freer thought, and that the exchange thus made may advantage the great cause which we call our own

Gentlemen of the Tariff Reform League, you set an example worthy to be followed by patriotic and unselfish men in all parts of our land It is the duty of all such never to rest but agitate discuss persuade educate until our adversaries shall be compelled to lay this issue clearly and distinctly before the American people to the end that they may apply enlightened intelligence to solve and settle the issue forever

Representative Fitch, of New York, followed He said that President Cleveland's message had voiced the principles held by many leading Republicans, and he spoke from this standpoint

The presiding officer then read a letter from Secretary Endicott regretting a necessary absence, and also the following letter from Speaker Carlisle

In his letter Speaker Carlisle expressed his regret at not being able to be present and said

Under the circumstances all I can do is to send you the assurance of my warmest sympathy with every effort that may be made to advance the people's cause in the struggle now going on between friends of industrial freedom and beneficiaries of industrial slavery This struggle has just commenced in this country and those who delude themselves with the hope that it will be abandoned before the triumphs of right over wrong are simply augmenting the weight of the blow that will inevitably fall upon them in the future This is not a threat but a friendly warning The history of all movements for necessary special reforms show that they grew more radical by opposition and delay, and it would be wise and patriotic upon the part of our opponents to recognize the inevitable and accede to reasonable demands now rather than be forced to accept harder terms hereafter So far, the sentiment in favor of a reduction of taxation and removal of commercial restrictions have been conservative, and if it does not continue to be so the responsibility will rest solely on those who unreasonably oppose it They alone can stop the agitation or confine it within reasonable bounds by proper concessions to the demands of the people The result of the contest in which we are engaged is not in the least doubtful and unless the evils of which we complain are remedied (which seems not at all probable) the agitation should go right on with increased vigor and force until the public judgment and conscience refuse longer to justify or condone them Nothing has yet occurred to weaken our faith in the justice of our cause or to abate our confidence in its ultimate success A single defeat even if it had been sustained on the real merits of the controversy ought not to discourage us No just cause is lost so long as it has a single earnest advocate among the people More than five and a half millions of intelligent and patriotic Americans have attested their fidelity to the cause of revenue reform under circumstances well calculated to test the sincerity of their opinions, and they will neither desert its standard nor make peace with the enemy until at least substantial justice is done

Hon Wm I Putnam, of Maine, spoke next, referring to the economic standstill of the Northern and New England States under the protectionist regime

Letters of regret were read from Hon. David A Wells President Hyde of Bowdoin College, Geo M Stearns, Hon Carl Schurz, Joseph B Sa[illegible], General F A Walker, W J Hill[illegible] of Washington, and others

Ex-Congressman P A Collins spoke briefly, saying the tariff reformers had fought a good fight had kept their faith, but had not yet finished their course

Mr Edward Atkinson dealt largely in statistics concerning the iron trade, showing the need of reform in the iron and steel tariff

President Eliot of Harvard referred to the sneering allusions to the college professors during the last campaign, and said that tariff reform would inaugurate a new era of prosperity in America

Colonel T W Higginson spoke of the merging of the mugwumps into the Democratic party

Hon Leopold Morse said the mistakes of the next Congress would aid the Democratic party beyond calculation

Mr Sherman Hoar then made the closing speech, drawing encouragement from the fact that the Democratic party had a majority of the popular vote

The meeting then broke up, after "three times three" for President Cleveland and Tariff Reform" The attendence was about two hundred and twenty five

Blew Out the Gas and Was Found Dead

CHICAGO, Dec 29—Amelia Thurin, seventeen years of age, who was employed as a domestic in a private family, on retiring Thursday night, blew out the gas, and was found dead in bed yesterday morning The girl came from Sweden three weeks ago and had been at work for the family only five days Three nights in succession her employer had turned out the gas in the girl's room to show her how it was done, but she failed to learn

A Democratic Victory

NEW YORK Dec 29—Thomas F Grady (Dem) was elected State Senator from the Sixth district yesterday, receiving 7,603 out of 10 621 votes cast Halberstadt (Rep) received 2 701 votes, and there were several local politicians in the district who received a few votes each

Escaped Prisoners Captured.

LAFAYETTE Ind Dec. 28—Six prisoners who escaped from jail on Christmas night, were recaptured near Corwin, in the southern portion of this county, yesterday morning They were brought back and placed behind the bars again yesterday afternoon

Ben Hopkin's Pardon Papers

COLUMBUS O Dec 29—Ben Hopkin's pardon papers have not yet arrived He is much dejected over the delay, and is suffering a relapse in consequence He is not in condition to be removed from the hospital at the prison now

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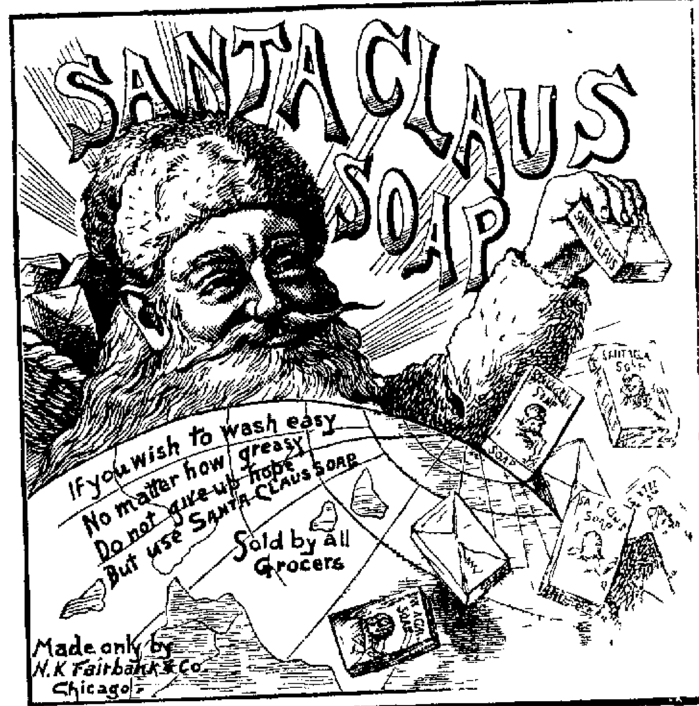

FOR RENT, FOR SALE, WANTED, &c.

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Tell your entire life, past, present and future, in a dead trance every hidden mystery revealed, tells the full name of callers, and of your future husband or wife, with age and date of marriage, and tells you whether the one you love is true or false tells all your business affairs with utmost truth, gives advice on divorce contested wills, speculations, etc tells whether stocks will rise or fall tells your life from the cradle to the grave Positively no imposition, reveals every thing removes trouble evil influences settles lovers' quarrels brings separated together causes speedy, happy marriages by proper advice advice to gentlemen in business, and to young men what course best adapted for speedy riches If disappointed by the efforts of others, judge not all alike can convince the most skeptical PARLORS—PERL BLOCK, South Main street Fee, $1 00 27 d6*

L. I CROSTHWAIT, Teacher of Singing and Elocution W C T U ROOMS, Roberts & Greene Building Chorus Class, Tuesday evening Sight Singing Class, Thursday evening, both at 7 30 Elocution Class, Tuesdays and Fridays, 3 30 p m Private lessons in Elocution and Voice Culture at any time nov27 dtf

BARRETT at 704 N Church Street, will repair your house, fence, build your porch or do anything in the line of carpentering Good work at all times with promptness nov15-dtf

WANTED—You are wanted to call and buy Second hand Cooking and Heating Stoves A large assortment at low prices HARRY FISK Court House Block oct24 dtf

FOR SALE—A second hand stove, almost as good as new, for half price, at the Furniture Exchange, one door east of BACHMAN BROS, at 248 East Main Street dtf

WANTED—By a middle aged man of good habits—a place to drive team or do any other kind of work Address HENRY WHETSELL, Laclede Hotel dec26-d6*

WANTED—A reliable, energetic business man as agent of the United States Mercantile Protective Association (Incorporated) Main office 53 *Tribune* Building, New York, for part of Illinois The right party can realize an income of $2000 to $3000 per year, and permanent position Call on BENJ SIMONS, Manager, at St Nicholas Hotel 26-d1

TO RENT—After January 13 will rent house of 7 rooms and 2 acres of ground good well and cistern, stabling for 4 horses, 679 South Broadway Inquire of J A BARNES, Haworth Block dec26-dtf

WANTED—Everybody to know that we are headquarters for choice renovated live geese feathers All grades, at bottom prices Also old feathers renovated and made good as new COX & CHAMBERLAIN dec17 d2w

WANTED—Agents at the "Isituntilsuited" Art Studio $15 00 per week and expenses paid to the right party Call or address "Isituntilsuited" Art Studio Decatur, Ill mar31-d&wtf

Choice Residence Property FOR SALE.

My late residence at 319 South Broadway is offered for sale on easy terms The lot is 100x150 feet, house of nine rooms, with as many closets, all well finished and in good repair, Well with new pump, cistern with pump in kitchen, good cellar, barn and carriage house, some fruit on lot and elegant shade trees
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MONEY to loan in large and small amounts. Loans made on live stock, farm implements, or household goods All classes of loans negotiated on short notice Loans on farms and city business property at 6 per cent. interest. Apply to A. T SUMMERS, over New York Store. july 16d&wt*

MOREHOUSE, WELLS & Co. are constantly receiving new patterns, in Wood, Iron and Slate Mantels, Vestibule and Hearth Tiles, Fine Brass Fenders, Fire Sets, and everything pertaining to this one. No larger or more complete assortment can be found elsewhere d&w

THOSE Fine Carriages, Surreys, Buggies and Sleighs at E. G. Allen & Bros. on Wood street, make elegant and substantial Christmas Presents. You are cordially invited to inspect them at Hamsher's old stand. dec 10-d1m

THE Decatur Musical College guarantees a thorough course in Vocal, Violin, Piano, Organ and Harmony. Pupils may [illegible] at any time. Corner Main and William streets. sep4-dtf

[illegible] at the Willis Hotel, 241 N. Water street. Accommodations good and rooms first class. Meals 25 cents, lodging 25 cents. Please give me a call. E. E. WILLIS, proprietor. oct6-dtf

HENRY BROS. make the largest loaves of home made bread of any in the city. bread delivered promptly anywhere it is desired. nov23-dtf

Railroad Time Tables

In effect October 21, 1888

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

[NOTE—"From" denotes time of arrival, "To denotes time of departure

FROM ST LOUIS		TO ST LOUIS	
No. 10 Pass	8 55 p m	No 9 Pass	6 30 a m
No 4 Pass	11 00 a m	No 3 Pass	3 45 am
No 44 Pass	11 10 a m	No 43 Pass	4 05 a m
No 42 Pass	10 16 p m	No 45 Pass	2 40 p m
No. 2 Pass	11 55 p m	No 5 Pass	3 05 p m
No 70 Freight	6 45 p m	No 71 Freight	5 45 a m
FROM QUINCY		TO QUINCY	
No 42 Pass	10 10 p m	No 43 Pass	4 30 a m
No 44 Pass	11 50 a m	No 45 Pass	3 10 p m
No 6 Pass	6 15 a m	No 1 Pass	9 10 p m
No 48 Acc	7 05 p m	No 47 Acc	6 45 a m
No 70, Freight	10 45 a m	No 71, Freight	12 30 p m
FROM TOLEDO & DETROIT		TO TOLEDO & DETROIT	
No 43 Pass	3 50 a m	No 46 Pass	6 25 a m
No 45 Pass	2 41 p m	No 44 Pass	11 15 a m
No 41 Pass	9 0[illegible] p m	No 42 Pass	11 25 p m
No 77 Pass from Bement	6 35 a m	No 47 Pass to Bement	7 10 p m
FROM CHICAGO		TO CHICAGO	
No 3 Pass	3 35 a m	No 2 Pass	12 05 a m
No 5 Pass	2 45 p m	No 4 Pass	11 25 a m
No 1 Pass	8 50 p m	No 6 Pass	6 35 a m

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

NORTH		SOUTH	
No 2 Pass	7 45 a m	No 1 Pass	5 02 p m
No 4 Pass	12 41 a m	No 3 Pass	10 17 a m
No 12 Pass	2 50 p m	No 11 Freight	9 00 a m
No 3, Champaign Line, arrive	8,10 00 a m	No 4 Champaign Line leaves,	3 15 p m
No 10, Freight	4 10 p m		

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & WESTERN.

ARRIVE		LEAVE	
No 1 Pass	2 43 p m	No 2 Pass	11 12 a m
No 3 Pass	4 00 a m	No 4 Pass	10 30 p m
No 7 Pass	10 30 a m	No 8 Pass	4 00 p m

PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE.

NORTH		SOUTH	
No 1 Pass	2 45 p m	No 2 Pass	11 00 a m
No 3 Pass	7 0[illegible] a m	No 4 Pass	9 00 p m
No 19 Freight	10 55 a m	No 20 Freight	4 00 p m

TERRE HAUTE & PEORIA.

EAST		WEST	
No 2 Pass	2 24 p m	No 1 Pass	12 20 p m
No 4, Pass	7 10 a m	No 3 Pass al	7 20 p m
No 8 Freight	[illegible] 00 p m	No 7 Freight	4 57 a m
No 10 Fr'gt	12 15 a m	No 9 Freight	10 15 a m

Removal.

The office of Wamsley & Sasseen has been removed from 149 South Water street, to the room over Busher & Hutchin's shoe store, No 142 East Main street, where they will be glad to see their patrons and the public. 22 d6*

Linn & Scruggs

Invite special attention to their recent importation of Kid Gloves, comprising the newest shades of embroidered as well as plain black, in Button and Hook Gloves, that are manufactured Ask for the celebrated "Melrose" d&w

Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas and New Year Holidays the I, D & W Railway will make Excursion rates of One and One Third Fare for the round trip, to and from points on its line Tickets to be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st, and Jan 1st, 1889, good going only on date of sale, and good returning up to and including January 3rd 1889 C G DORWIN
dec10-dtd Gen'l Agent I, D & W Ry

GENTS' Furnishing Goods, comprising
Underwear,
½ Hose,
Dress and Night Shirts,
Handkerchiefs,
Mufflers, and an elegant
Assortment of Scarfs.
Prices always the lowest.
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ANYONE in search of a first-class cooking apparatus can find what they want in the "Home Comfort" Range sold by Morehouse, Wells & Co. One of the best housekeepers in the city says: "We did not know what home comfort was until we got a 'Home Comfort' range in the house." n30-tf

THE Court House Restaurant has been greatly enlarged and improved. The best of day board and good rooms. Rates as low as decent accommodations can be afforded at. Come and see me, 13½ South Water street. W. A. COMBS.
july7-dtf

THE largest and cleanest of soft nut coal sold in this market at $1.75 per ton delivered. F. D. CALDWELL.
dec13-dtf

CUTTERS and bob-sleds for sale at Spencer & Lehman's. nov22d&w6w

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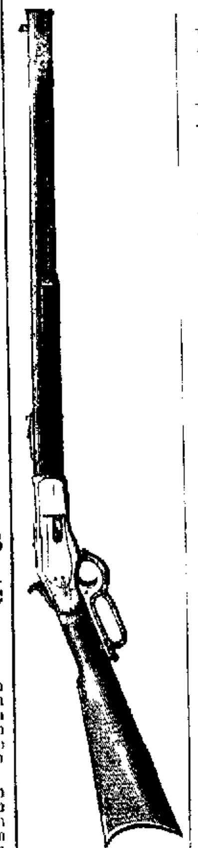
BIG REDUCTION

IN

FLOBERT RIFLES.



No 121, with side extractor, dark blued barrels, 22-in., weight 5 lbs Price, $2.75.

No. 122, 22 Caliber, Remington System, Rifled, Pistol Grip, length of barrel 22 Inches, weight five lbs, $4.50.

No. 123, same as 122, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 5½ lbs., $5.00.

No. 124, 22 Caliber, Warnant system, rifled, pistol grip, 22 inch, octagon barrel, weight 5 lbs., $5.50.

No 125, same as 124, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 6½ lbs., $6.00.

No 126, 32 caliber, solid breech block Warnant System, rifled, pistol grip, 24 inch octagon barrel, weight 6½ lbs. This Rifle is recommended for the safety of its system, force and accuracy of its shooting qualities. Price $7.50.

NOTE.—These Prices include a Box of Cartridges and a Brush Cleaning Rod with each Rifle.

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